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Dear Mr Anderson

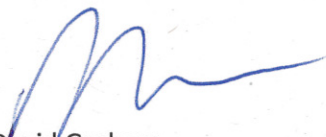
Classification of electricity distribution services in the ACT and NSW

ActewAGL welcomes the opportunity to respond to the AER's December 2011 consultation paper on classification of distribution services as part of the Framework and Approach for the 2014–19 ACT and NSW electricity network determinations.

The paper notes that the AER will be guided in classifying services in part by the treatment of similar services across jurisdictions, but also that the desirability for consistency in the form of regulation is only one of the factors required to be considered. There is no need for the AER to move towards a more national approach to classifications given they emerge from a variety of circumstances specific to jurisdictions and there is little to be gained from a national approach.

Please contact Chris Bell, Manager Regulatory Affairs, on 6248 3180 should you have any queries regarding the submission.

Yours sincerely



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