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Mr Chris Pattas  
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Dear Mr Pattas

**TasNetworks Ring-fencing Waiver Application: Type 1-4 Legacy Meters – Meter Provider Role**

As part of its preparation for the Power of Choice rule changes, Aurora Energy has reviewed TasNetworks' Ring-fencing Waiver Application (July 2017) to the Australian Energy Regulator's Distribution Ring-fencing Guideline and provides the following submission with respect to TasNetworks 'Type 1-4 legacy meters – Meter Provider Role Waiver' application.

Currently TasNetworks is the Meter Provider for approximately 3,000 Type 1-4 contestable meter customers in Tasmania. In its waiver application, TasNetworks notes that, under the Power of Choice rule changes, it intends to 'remove itself from this market'. Aurora Energy is proposing a staged transition for Tasmanian customers with an existing Type 1-4 meter that are currently serviced by TasNetworks as Metering Provider. This is in Tasmanian customers' interests by allowing sufficient time to make alternative metering arrangements for these customers. In the absence of the waiver, customers would require replacement metering arrangements by 1 December 2017 resulting in unnecessary customer cost and disruption.

Therefore, Aurora Energy supports TasNetworks' waiver application with respect to the obligations under the Ring-fencing Guideline for it to continue to fulfill the role of Meter Provider for those customers for the period 1 January 2018 to 1 July 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this submission please contact Hayden Moore at [hayden.moore@auroraenergy.com.au](mailto:hayden.moore@auroraenergy.com.au)

Yours sincerely



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