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To whom it may concern,

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 200,000 people covering an area of more than 50,000 sq/kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Hilltops, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin and Central Tablelands Water.

Centroc advocates on agreed regional positions and priorities while working co-operatively to benefit the councils and communities of Central NSW.

Centroc shares a common interest in street lighting issues raised by SSROC and supports the SSROC Submission on Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme (STPIS) Review & Distribution Reliability Measures Guidelines provided 23 February 2017 made to the AER, about the reliability of supply to street lighting.

As identified in IPWEA's recent SLSC Programme Roadmap and by other Regional Organisations in previous regulatory submissions, the current approach in the National Electricity Market places no requirement on utilities to measure, report on or compensate councils for supply faults to public lighting. With no incentive to fix the supply, street lights can remain out for weeks or even months with no consequence. Indeed, councils have to keep paying the bills even when the lights are out and this is a long-standing area of frustration for many councils.

For more information regarding the above please contact the Centroc Executive Officer Jenny Bennett on 0428 690 935

Yours sincerely,



Cr John Medcalf
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