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Dear Mr Buckley

Subject: AER's NSW Draft Distribution Determination for 2009-2014 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AER's NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009-14 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal of 16 January 2009.

We are extremely concerned about EnergyAustralia's proposed price increases of approximately 78% in street lighting network charges over the coming regulatory period and the lack of transparency in EnergyAustralia's pricing submissions.

We endorse the submission made by SSROC's SLI Program on behalf of councils served by EnergyAustralia and urge the AER to give its fullest possible attention to the issues raised. In doing so, we re-iterate our concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Yours sincerely



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