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Warwick Anderson (sent via email to NSWACTelectricity@aer.gov.au)
General Manager – Networks Branch
Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131

Dear Mr Anderson,

RE: Ausgrid Public Lighting Pricing Proposal 2014-19

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public lighting aspects of Ausgrid's Regulatory Proposal for 2014 -19.

Our council is a member of the SSROC Street Lighting Improvement Program. This letter is to confirm that we support the SSROC submission of 8 August 2014 and encourage the AER to give the matters raised close consideration.

The City of Sydney owns and operates over 8,500 lights and following the innovative project of upgrading these to energy efficient LED luminaires the City advocates the adoption of advancing, improving technologies.

The remaining lights within the Local Government Area are primarily owned and maintained by Ausgrid.

However, the City remains concerned that the street lighting owned and maintained by Ausgrid within the City is provided as a non-contestable monopoly service by the utility.

At present, there are neither contracts nor any binding service regulations covering the street lighting services provided by Ausgrid. The City would like these issues addressed.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact Paul Gowans, Principal Engineer on 02 9246 7226 or by email at pgowans@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely

George Angelis

Manager City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations

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