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Department of
Energy and Water Supply

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Mr Warwick Anderson General Manager, Network Regulation Australian Energy Regulator GPO Box 3131 CANBERRA ACT 2601

## Dear Mr Anderson

Thank you for providing the Department of Energy and Water Supply with the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Preliminary Positions Paper on the Framework and Approach for Energex and Ergon Energy, released on 18 December 2013.

Please find attached my department's preliminary views on a number of the key changes that the AER is proposing for the 2015–2020 Revenue Determination process for Queensland's electricity distribution businesses. These views are provided within the context of a significant energy reform program that is currently underway in Queensland.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to engage with the AER's Queensland revenue determination process over the next 14 months as various stages in the process are reached.

If you require further information please contact Ms Catherine Cussen, Director, Networks and Demand Response on (07) 3199 4923.

Yours sincerely

Dan Hunt

Director-General

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Enc. Department of Energy and Water Supply response to the AER's Framework and Approach