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AER Ring-fencing guideline (Electricity) Transmission) interim

Dear Mr Feather

Energy Networks Australia (ENA) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the AER on its interim Draft Ring-Fencing Guideline for Electricity Transmission.

ENA is the national industry body representing Australia's electricity transmission and distribution and gas distribution networks. Our members provide more than 16 million electricity and gas connections to almost every home and business across Australia.

ENA understand the AER's intent is to re-issue the current guideline under the National Electricity Rules in substantially the same form to address a legal anomaly associated with the transition to Chapter 6A of the Rules. As we understand it, the re-issued guideline will commence from the date the AER makes its final decision on the interim Guideline.

Noting that the AER intend to re-issue the transmission ring fencing waivers also, ENA support the continuation of these evergreen ring-fencing waivers in the same form.

ENA also suggest that the footer document title and date are also amended when the guideline is finalised.

ENA will participate in the AER's full review of the guideline which we understand will commence shortly.

Should you have any queries on this response please feel free to contact Verity Watson, vwatson@energynetworks.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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