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Dear Mr Roberts,

**Re: Essential Energy - Determination 2014-19 - Remittal**

The Energy Users Association of Australia (EUAA) is the peak national body representing major Australian electricity and gas users. Our membership covers a broad cross-section of the Australian economy including significant retail, mining, manufacturing, materials and food processing industries.

The EUAA is a strong advocate for energy users and firmly believe that the primary objective of energy markets should be to serve the long-term interests of the consumer as stated in the NEO and NGO. There can be no doubt that energy users, both large and small are experiencing unprecedented increases in both electricity and gas costs, a situation that is clearly at odds with both the NGO and NEO.

The EUAA recently met with Essential Energy and received a briefing on their proposed approach to the 2014-19 remittal.

Following examination of Essential Energy's proposed package of measures covering the 2014-19 period, the EUAA has concluded that the overall package of measures proposed is in the long-term interests of consumers. We appreciate Essential's approach to expediting the remittal process to reach an acceptable resolution of this long running matter and we hope this approach is an example for others to follow

In addition, the EUAA supports an extension of time to April 2018 for Essential Energy to submit its 2019-24 regulatory proposal.

We are happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



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