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Dear Mr Adams

Amendments to the RIT-T and RIT-D Application Guidelines

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited (Ergon Energy) and Energex Limited (Energex) welcome the opportunity to provide comment to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) regarding its *Amendments to the RIT-T and RIT-D Application Guidelines – Consultation Paper* (Consultation Paper).

This submission, which is available for publication, is provided by Energex and Ergon Energy as distribution network service providers (DNSPs) operating in Queensland.

Ergon Energy and Energex are committed to providing:

- safe, reliable and affordable electricity supply;
- a great customer service experience;
- customers greater control over their energy consumption;
- efficient and sustainable energy solutions; and
- access to the next wave of energy linked innovative technologies and renewables.

Ergon Energy and Energex support the AER's amendments to the RIT-D Application Guidelines which give effect to the final rule determination regarding the replacement expenditure planning arrangements rule change (repex rule change). Furthermore, we note the AER intends to commence an additional, larger scale review of the RIT-T and RIT-D Application Guidelines before the end of 2017, which will capture issues identified within the Council of Australian Governments Energy Council's RIT-T review; issues arising from the repex rule change determination that are yet to be addressed; and other provisions in the Guidelines that require amendment. Ergon Energy and Energex look forward to working with the AER during this larger scale review. Should you require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of Energy Queensland's submission, please do not hesitate to contact either myself on (07) 3851 6416 or Trudy Fraser on (07) 3851 6787.

Yours Sincerely

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