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Dear Mr Buckley

Council Efforts to Resolve Street Lighting Concerns

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009-14 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal of 16 January 2009.

Gosford City Council is extremely concerned at EnergyAustralia's proposed price increases of approximately 78% in street lighting network charges over the coming regulatory period and the lack of transparency in EnergyAustralia's pricing submissions.

Council endorses the submission made by SSROC's SLI Program on behalf of councils served by EnergyAustralia and urges the AER to give its fullest possible attention to the issues raised. In doing so, Council re-iterates its concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Yours faithfully

Peter Wilson
General Manager