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Mr Mike Buckley General Manager Network Regulation North Australian Energy Regulator aerinquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Mr Buckley

Hornsby Council Submission on AER's NSW Electricity Distribution Draft Decision Determinations 2009-2014 & EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AER's NSW Electricity Distribution Draft Decision Determinations 2009-2014 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal of 16 January 2009. Council apologises for its late submission.

Council is extremely concerned about 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 the 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 reiterates its concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Yours faithfully

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General Manager

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