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Dear Mr Bolding

Change to regulatory reporting period - Directlink and Murraylink

I refer to your letter of 7 March 2014 in which you request AER approval to change the periodicity of the Directlink and Murraylink annual regulatory accounts from a calendar year basis to a financial year basis.

The AER has considered your request and has approved the change in the periodicity of the regulatory accounts provided by Directlink and Murraylink from a calendar year basis to a financial year basis. The AER also supports the transitional arrangements proposed. That is, the provision of six month transitional accounts for the period from 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013 and then annual financial year accounts from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

The AER considers it reasonable to require the six month transitional accounts to be submitted to the AER by 30 April 2014. Consistent with the AER's Information Guidelines, the first full set of financial year regulatory accounts for Directlink and Murraylink are required to be submitted to the AER within four months of that financial year ending (that is, by 31 October 2014).

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Scott Haig on (02) 6243 1207.

Yours sincerely

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