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

Dear Mr Buckley,

Re: Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) Submission on AER's NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009-2014 & EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AER's NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009-14 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory Proposal of 16 January 2009.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Pat Reilly", with a large flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Clr Pat Reilly,
President,
Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils
(Mayor of Willoughby Council)