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Dear Mr Pattas

**ORIGIN SUBMISSION TO AER 'CONNECTION CHARGE GUIDELINE FOR ACCESSING THE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK'.**

Origin welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the AER's consultation paper '*connection charge guideline for accessing the electricity distribution network*'.

Origin fully supports the AER's initiative to clarify the connection charge process for end use customers and in particular the provision of the circumstances and process for calculating any capital contributions required for the connection.

From this guideline customers will have improved information when making decisions regarding the costs of their connection with improved transparency of the cost calculation process. This will reduce customer queries to retailers and will provide an improvement in efficient customer service.

We would be pleased to discuss this submission further with the AER and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darren Bailey".

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