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By email: AERInquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Tom,

ORIGIN SUBMISSION TO AER RETAIL PRICING INFORMATION DRAFT GUIDELINE

Origin welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the AER's *Notice of draft instrument: AER Retail Pricing Information Guideline* and the draft *AER Retail Pricing Information Guideline* itself.

Origin continues to be concerned that the AER has moved ahead with Guideline in its current form despite there being any evidence of a customer need for this particular regulatory approach. As we noted in our previous submission, without some evidence of where current approaches are failing we have no clear direction to take in the creation of new regulatory practice.

Notwithstanding our concerns about the overall approach, Origin is generally comfortable with the pricing information draft guideline in its current form. We support the provision of unit pricing over estimated annual costs (or a combination) and while we prefer the Victorian model of having a sheet for only one widely available offer for internet publication, Origin will provide price sheets for all generally available offers.

However, we believe that it will be important for the timeframes of these offers to be understood, particularly where the AER will be uploading information to the price comparator website. Not all generally available offers will be available in a long-term sense: it might be expected that specific timeframes could apply to some offers (such as one week only) and we would need some certainty that the AER's price comparator will be updated by the AER in a timely manner.

We would be happy to discuss any aspect of this submission further with the AER, and at your convenience. Please feel free to contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

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