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Subject: SSROC submission on Ausgrid Public Lighting Pricing Proposal 2014-19

Hi there

SSROC has made the attached submission to the Australian Energy Regulator about Ausgrid's proposed 2015-19 street lighting pricing. Council is advised while much about Ausgrid's proposal remains hidden by confidentiality claims, the SSROC SLI Program has identified several clear bases on which to challenge its claim for a substantial price increase including:

- 1) Ausgrid's assumed lighting failure rates appear to be higher than the actual failure rates reported in its annual reports in recent years; and
- 2) Ausgrid's proposed 2015/16 charges for the three most common lighting types appear to be higher than the average 2015 charges for the same lights across the five Victorian electricity distributors.

There is also a substantive case for reviewing the claimed value of the lights, a need to explicitly tie pricing to service levels, expand reporting requirements, for revising pricing once the Networks NSW lighting tender is complete and to address a number of other items.

As such, Singleton Council supports the SSROC submission made on 13 February 2015 and request due considerations of the recommendation within. Please advise if further information is required.

Regards

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