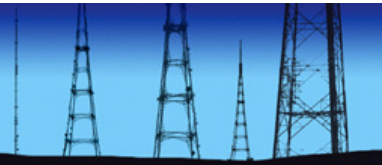




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15 August 2011

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Australian Regulator
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Email: AERInquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Submission to Network and Retail Exemption Guidelines

TX Australia Pty Limited (TXA) has only just become aware of the Australian Energy Regulator Draft Exempt selling guidelines for the sale of energy, and wishes to advise the following:

TXA is a joint venture company wholly owned by the three (3) commercial metropolitan television broadcasters and is responsible for the transmission of their services in the five (5) mainland capital cities of Australia.

As well as the commercial television broadcasters, other services such as ABC and SBS television, community TV, commercial and community FM broadcasters, DAB+ (Digital Audio Broadcasting) telecommunication carriers, ISP, two way communication operators and emergency services, may also originate from our facilities.

The sharing of broadcast communication transmission infrastructure is common practice, whereby the site owner / manager arranges for the single electricity connection to the site with users being on charged on a cost sharing basis only.

This very simple process has logistical and administration benefits in the operation of these critically important broadcast communication transmission infrastructures with the proposed draft resulting in unnecessary compliance costs without any benefit to the various users.

TXA supports the FreeTV and Broadcast Australia submissions that there should be a class exemption for the Broadcast and Communications industry from the obligations of becoming a licenced retailer of electricity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you need any further clarification / justification of the required exemption.

We appreciate the opportunity to responding in the consultation process and look forward to any updates which may be released on the subject.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joe Giovenco', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Joe Giovenco
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