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Mr Tony Narvaez  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr Narvaez,



### **HIGH VOLTAGE AERIAL BUNDLE CABLES**

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) met with United Energy representatives on the 22 December 2015 to review the United Energy approach to the management and replacement of non-metallic screened HV Aerial Bundled Conductor in service in the United Energy supply network.

At the conclusion of the meeting ESV requested additional information and an explanation from United Energy of how it arrived at the conclusions and determinations stated in the United Energy document "*HV Aerial Bundled Cable Strategic Management Plan*".


ESV received the requested information on 23 December and is not satisfied that:

- a) the replacement program is expeditiously addressing the risk of starting vegetation fires, and
- b) there are constraints that prevent United Energy from completing the replacement program in a much shorter timeframe than planned.

I would be grateful if you could provide an explanation to ESV as to why the replacement program cannot be completed in the next 2 years.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter please contact Brett Fox on 03 9203 9700 or email [bfox@esv.vic.gov.au](mailto:bfox@esv.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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