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Dear Mr Hall

### **Review of Electricity Pricing and Tariff Structures - Stage 1 Draft Report**

ENERGEX welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Authority's Draft Report (Draft Report) on Stage 1 of the Review of Electricity Pricing and Tariff Structures (Review) released on 18 August 2009.

ENERGEX generally supports the Authority's view as to the optimal approach to pricing electricity and structuring tariffs given the intent of the Uniform Tariff Policy. The removal of inappropriate pricing signals and the direct pass through of network costs to customers will complement ENERGEX's existing demand management initiatives.

ENERGEX agrees there are limitations to providing pricing signals without advanced metering capability. However there are opportunities to encourage customers to manage their usage, such as providing incentives in the form of rebates or other payments to customers who participate in demand management initiatives, and extending the application of peak and off peak tariffs.

Given the extent of the pricing review envisaged in the Draft Report, ENERGEX also considers that there is a strong case for considering a transitional approach to any changes proposed to accommodate any required system changes and notification to customers.

ENERGEX looks forward to further participating in this Review and providing additional details as part of the Authority's Stage 2 review of alternative retail tariff structures to assist in the long term management of peak electricity demand.

Should the Authority wish to discuss any of these issues further please do not hesitate to contact Mick Ryan, Regulatory Affairs Manager - Operations on 07 3407 4386.

Yours sincerely

  
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