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Sent: 14 December, 2009 2:42 PM
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Cc: Karen Lear; Louise Dudley
Subject: Re: Marked up Appendix E Information Requirements for 2010/2011

Keith,

Thank you for providing the revised Appendix 3 Information Requirement for the Interim Price Monitoring.

We thank you for considering the recommended changes that we presented in our submission.

A primary concern that remains is the ability of Queensland Urban Utility (QUU) to secure the necessary information from the Participating Councils. We are also concerned about the right of QUU to pass any information that is provided onto the QCA. This may require a legal review. We will address these concerns further in a submission on the remaining issues in relation to the draft report which is due on January 29, 2010.

We also note that in adopting the inclusion of Councils as setters of service standards, you have accordingly included a requirement to demonstrate that the Councils have directed these service standards be met. As these standards have been set with the water business as integrated unit of the Councils, the standards of service have evolved over time and are not necessarily laid out in specific documents. We will however investigate the best way to demonstrate that these levels of service are set by Councils and make any further representations necessary on this issue in our January 2010 submission.

We also note the inclusion of the Participating Councils in the definition of related parties which thereby requires demonstration that transitional service levels agreements that we must put in place are effectively commercial valued transactions. As mentioned in our submission, this will be difficult to meet, particularly in the short term. We will make further representation on this issue in our January 2010 submission.

*Regards
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Good Morning,

In response to feedback from stakeholders on the Information requirements for 2010/2011 (Appendix E of the Draft report), the Authority has made a series of amendments. The attached document reflects these amendments (on track changes) and is provided to give stakeholders an additional opportunity to provide feedback before the Authority finalizes its report on the information requirements for 2010/2011.

If your organization has any further feedback or suggested changes please provide them via email (in track changes in the documents) to the Authority by 4:30 pm today Monday 14 December 2009.

Kind Regards,

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