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Dear Mr Carter *Mike*

**Notice of Investigation
Aurizon Network's revised GAPE DAAU**

On 12 April 2013, Aurizon Network withdrew its draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) for a new coal system, and reference tariff, for train services operating over the Goonyella to Abbot Point expansion (GAPE).

At the same time, Aurizon Network submitted a revised GAPE DAAU for the Authority's approval. In it, Aurizon Network proposed:

- (a) a reference tariff based on a revised (lower) set of maintenance costs for the GAPE infrastructure;
- (b) transitional tariffs to apply in 2013-14; and
- (c) other changes including removing the content relating to equity raising costs that had been previously included in the original proposal.

Section 146 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act) requires the Authority to provide the owner of the service with a formal notice if it proposes to conduct an investigation and to invite the owner of the service to make a written submission to the Authority. This is the purpose of this letter.

Notice of investigation

The Authority proposes to conduct an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, Aurizon Network's DAAU.

In accordance with section 138 of the QCA Act, the Authority may approve a DAAU only if, among other things, it has:

- (a) published the undertaking and invited persons to make submissions on it; and
- (b) considered those submissions.

Submissions

The Authority has published the DAAU on its website (www.qca.org.au) and sought submissions from interested parties. The due date for submissions is **13 May 2013**. The Authority will consider any submissions it receives within that time.

The Authority invites a written submission from Aurizon Network on any aspect of the DAAU.

Any enquiries should be directed to Ravi Prasad on (07) 3222 0533.

Yours sincerely

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Malcolm Roberts
Chairman