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**Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) – 2017 Standard User Funding Agreement
Draft Amending Access Undertaking**

11 January 2017

Dear Charles,

Please find enclosed the Standard User Funding Agreement Draft Amending Access Undertaking (UT4 SUFA DAAU), which comprises a suite of the SUFA legal documents and the accompanying explanatory material. This DAAU is being submitted in accordance with Section 8.8.3(a) of the 2016 Access Undertaking (UT4), where Aurizon Network is required to submit the UT4 SUFA DAAU within 3 months of UT4 being approved.

Aurizon Network recognises the significant investment by industry stakeholders and the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) in the development of the SUFA framework since it was first submitted under the 2010 Access Undertaking (UT3) in 2010.

This UT4 SUFA DAAU reflects the learnings from Aurizon Network's engagement with industry and the QCA, and also takes into account the QCA's UT3 SUFA Final Decision in June 2016 by accepting the majority of its policy positions. Where Aurizon Network has adopted in the UT4 SUFA DAAU a different policy position from the equivalent position adopted in the UT3 SUFA Final Decision, Aurizon Network has done so to align SUFA to the provisions of UT4, to improve workability of the SUFA framework or to ensure consistency with the policy positions that Aurizon Network is prepared to volunteer.

This UT4 SUFA DAAU has been developed whilst consultation on the 2017 Draft Access Undertaking (UT5) was occurring. Due to this conflicting interest, minimal consultation on this UT4 SUFA DAAU has occurred. Aurizon Network is therefore committed to proactively engaging with stakeholders and the QCA post lodgement. This includes working with stakeholders on any competing regulatory priorities.

I look forward to working with the QCA on progressing this UT4 SUFA DAAU.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Windle", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jon Windle
Manager – Regulatory Development