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Mr Chris Pattas
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By email: AERInquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Mr Pattas

Lodgement of proposed tariff structure statement

Please find attached Essential Energy's proposed Tariff Structure Statement (TSS) and accompanying overview for Essential Energy.

Over recent months Essential Energy and the other NSW DNSPs have been involved in a series of intensive engagements with key stakeholder groups. The submission of these documents represents the next milestone in what we consider a continuing dialogue with our customers and stakeholders regarding efficient tariff reform in NSW.

The NSW DNSPs have found these engagements invaluable in developing our short and medium term tariff reform plans. There are some recommendations provided by stakeholder groups that Essential Energy has not yet sought to implement. However, the attached documents make it clear that these recommendations have provided input for future tariff reform options to be assessed in light of developments in enabling technology and customer's increased understanding of, and engagement with, alternative tariff options

I trust that the attached proposed TSS and supporting documentation addresses not only the information required under the Rules but also provides a positive platform from which to engage further regarding tariff reform. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Lindsay, Manager Network Regulation on 02 6589 8419.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vince" and last name "Graham" clearly distinguishable.

Vince Graham
Chief Executive Officer