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Dear Mr Stonestreet

Directlink draft decision—benefits from deferral of transmission augmentations

On 10 November 2005, the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) released its draft decision on the Directlink Joint Venturers' application to convert Directlink from a market network service to a prescribed service. This decision approves Directlink's conversion and provides the Directlink Joint Venturers with a regulated maximum allowed revenue to June 2015.

To assist the AER in making a final decision, I would appreciate Country Energy's views on the discussion in chapter 7 of the draft decision regarding *New South Wales—line 966*.

The AER's draft decision and other correspondence on this issue can be found on the AER's website www.aer.gov.au. Should you have any queries in relation to this request, please call Melanie Hewitt on (02) 6243 1114.

Yours sincerely

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