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Mr Patrick Harsas  
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Dear Mr Harsas

**Request for extension – Metering competition cost pass through application**

I refer to your letter of 4 April 2016, requesting that the AER extend the time limit for Essential Energy to submit a pass through statement regarding the metering competition rule change.

I am pleased to advise you that the AER has approved an extension under clause 6.6.1(k) of the National Electricity Rules, to allow the pass through statement to be submitted 90 business days after 1 December 2017.

A copy of your request and this decision will be published on the AER website.

Please contact Adam Petersen, Director Networks on (08) 8213 3458, should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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