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Dear Mr Young,

Victorian Electricity Distribution Determination 2021-25 - Forecasting Methodology

In accordance with the National Electricity Rules, please find attached a document outlining the methodology AusNet Services proposes to use for forecasting capital and operating expenditure for the 2021-25 regulatory period.

It is intended that this document provides preliminary information that will facilitate pre-review consultation with the AER and with stakeholders, and assist those parties to understand and assess our regulatory submission.

AusNet Services' overarching approach and principles applied to determining future expenditure requirements is set out, as well as a more detailed view of the methodologies used for forecasting operating and capital expenditure for the key regulated network services. Any changes to the approaches set out, for example, due to further stakeholder engagement, will be explained in detail in our final Revenue Proposal.

AusNet Services would be pleased to address any queries you or customer groups may have in relation to this submission. If you have further questions regarding the information set out in this letter you can contact me on 03 9695 6309 or at charlotte.eddy@ausnetservices.com.au

Sincerely,

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