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Re: SA Power Networks – Determination 2015-2020

Dear Mr Roberts

I wish to make some comments regarding the above determination.

The City of Marion recently wrote to SA Power Networks in June concerned about the lack of maintenance of the wooden cross arms on their power poles in our region.

SA Power Networks replied on 13 July 2015 advising it classified its asset defection rectification as Priority 1 high, P2 medium or P3 low. They would rectify the P1 defects but advised:

With the current level of funding approved by the AER in its Preliminary Determination for the 2015-2020 RCP, SA Power Networks is unlikely to rectify the remaining P2 and P3 defects until they become P1 defects some time in the future.

The City of Marion is concerned about the lack of maintenance of the network and its unsightly appearance in our city.

South Australian families and businesses are currently paying among the highest electricity prices in the nation and deserve a standard of service which reflects this expenditure.

We would submit a component of the existing allocated funding to SA Power Networks be tied to rectifying the P2 and P3 defects without the need for consumers to pay additional higher electricity prices.

Yours sincerely



Kris Hanna
Mayor