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Mr. Warwick Anderson
General Manager, Networks Finance and Reporting
Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Mr Anderson

**SA Power Networks Electricity Distribution Price Review for 2020/21 – 2024/25:
Public Lighting**

The City of Onkaparinga welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the SA Power Networks (SAPN) Electricity Distribution Price Review 2020/21-2024/25 for public lighting. We acknowledge the important role the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) plays in providing a fair and transparent pricing for public lighting.

The City of Onkaparinga is South Australia's most populous council and around 10 per cent of the state's public lighting assets are located within our city.

Since late 2018, representatives from council have been participating in a Public Lighting Working Group (Working Group), formed to facilitate a practical and representative interface between SAPN and South Australian public lighting customers, including councils and the SA Government's Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure. It was established as a representative body for negotiating issues under the current regulatory framework and facilitating the practical transition to the new regulatory framework commencing in July 2020.

The Working Group is coordinated and chaired by the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA), and is comprised of representatives of the City of Onkaparinga and nine other councils. The introduction of the Working Group has resulted in a marked improvement in the relationship and level of communication between SAPN and the local government sector. The information provided through the Working Group has enabled councils to have a broader understanding of public lighting services and the ability to provide input into future processes.

We strongly support the submission prepared by the LGA. The City of Onkaparinga has had the opportunity to provide input into the LGA's submission to the SAPN Electricity Distribution Price Review 2020/21-2024/25 for public lighting, developed by street lighting consultants Ironbark Sustainability with input from the local government representatives of the Working Group.



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We look forward to continuing to work with the Working Group, SAPN and the AER during the price review period. Further enquiries can be forwarded to myself or [REDACTED], Public Lighting Asset Planner on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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