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Warwick Anderson (sent via email to NSWACTelectricity@aer.gov.au)
General Manager – Networks Branch
Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131

Dear Mr Anderson,

RE: Ausgrid Public Lighting Pricing Proposal 2014-19

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public lighting aspects of Ausgrid's Regulatory Proposal for 2014 -19.

Our council is a member of the SSROC Street Lighting Improvement Program. This letter is to confirm that we support the SSROC submission of 13 February 2015 and encourage the AER to give the matters raised very close consideration.

The City of Sydney owns and operates over 8,500 lights and following the innovative project of upgrading to energy efficient LED luminaires the City continues to advocate for the adoption of advancing, improving technologies.

The remaining lights within the Local Government Area are primarily owned and maintained by Ausgrid. The City remains concerned that Ausgrid has in large, part rejected the AER's Draft Decision and resubmitted its original public lighting proposal with minor alterations.

The City supports SSROC's position that the AER should not accept Ausgrid's claimed capital and operating costs where they are found to be inefficient compared to reasonable benchmarks.

Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact Paul Gowans, Principal Engineer on 02 9246 7226 or by email at pgowans@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely,



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