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Mr Mike Buckley
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Dear Mr Buckley

Proposal to make an annual compliance order

Country Energy appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER's) proposed annual compliance order (the Order) for natural gas pipelines.

Country Energy generally supports the information requirements proposed in the Order. However, the requirement to provide complete information and documentation to the AER by 31 July each year as per clause 3 of the Order is not achievable. Certain information for the preceding financial year will not be available by the 31 July. Country Energy believes that a more appropriate annual compliance date would be 31 October. This date will enable businesses to provide the AER with complete and current information.

Country Energy would be pleased to discuss this matter further. Should you require further information or clarification please feel free to contact Jason Cooke on 02 6338 3685.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Lindsay".

Natalie Lindsay
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