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Mr John Pierce Chairperson Australian Energy Market Commission

By email aemc@aemc.gov.au

Dear Mr Pierce

## Re: AEMC Distribution Market Model Review Draft Report

The AER welcomes the opportunity to respond to the AEMC's draft report on the distribution market model review.

The draft report makes a number of points with which we can agree. In particular, the report appropriately emphasises the role of promoting the National Electricity Objective through:

- the importance of moving to better price signals, and
- the value of competition and structural separation over further regulation.

Nonetheless, there are some matters we consider the AEMC might seek to clarify or consider further.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the AEMC on this review, and we appreciate the bilateral discussions that have already occurred between our organisations at officer level on this review.

We would be pleased to discuss our submission with you. Please contact Chris Pattas, General Manager, Networks on 03 9290 1470 or at <a href="mailto:chris.pattas@aer.gov.au">chris.pattas@aer.gov.au</a>

Yours sincerely

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Chair

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