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Part of the Energy Queensland Group

Ms Paula Conboy  
Chair  
Australian Energy Regulator  
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Dear Ms Conboy

## **Energex and Ergon Energy Regulatory Proposals and Tariff Structure Statements 2020-25**

Energex and Ergon Energy, part of the Energy Queensland group of companies, are pleased to submit their Regulatory Proposals and Tariff Structure Statements for the 2020-25 regulatory control period.

We have engaged extensively across our many different customer and stakeholder groups over the last twelve months to help inform our proposals. This journey led us to review our approach on a number of fronts, and gives us great confidence that our plans will enable us to deliver a bright energy future for Queensland, with the Australian Energy Regulator's support.

Importantly, under our proposals, an average residential customer in South East Queensland will receive a 10.3% saving in distribution network charges in 2020, and an average small business customer 11.4%. These savings will flow through to the majority of our customers in regional Queensland thanks to the Queensland Government's Uniform Tariff Policy. And, even more savings may be available to our customers if they opt-in to the new network tariffs we're proposing.

I am particularly pleased with the further reductions we have locked in since the release of Our Draft Plans last September and the highlight of additional savings for Queensland's small businesses – as the engine room for jobs in our communities.

We believe our proposals provide a balanced way forward for the distribution of electricity across Queensland, addressing key community and customer concerns of safety, affordability, security and sustainability.

I look forward to discussing our Regulatory Proposals and Tariff Structure Statements with the Australian Energy Regulator Board.

Yours sincerely



David Smales  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**