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Dear Mr Roberts

**SUBMISSION TO JEMENA GAS NETWORK (NSW) 2015-20 ACCESS
ARRANGEMENT PROPOSAL**

We support Jemena's proposal that gas network prices be approved one month earlier than usual. However, we consider that the Australian Energy Regulator should have 20 business days to approve gas network tariffs, as opposed to 30 business days. This is consistent with our National Electricity Rule change proposal in relation to electricity network prices, submitted in September 2012.

These arrangements will improve the retail market by providing retailers with additional time to consider network prices in developing retail prices, to make changes to billing systems where necessary, and to notify customers of changes to retail prices. It also provides a more reasonable timeframe for retail price regulators to approve regulated retail prices, where relevant.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission please contact John Smith on (02) 9113 7742.

Yours sincerely



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(on behalf of Peter J. Boxall AO, Chairman)