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Attention Mr Chris Pittas
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Australian Energy Regulator
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Dear Mr Pittas

RE: NT Power and Water Corporation – AER submission 2019

NT WorkSafe (NTWS) was invited to meet with Power and Water Corporation (PWC) personnel to gain an understanding on the submission for the Australian Energy Regulation for Power and Water Corporation - Determination 2019-24.

NT WorkSafe administers the Electricity Reform Act which specifically excludes the electrical supply and compliance undertaking of an electrical distributor.

NTWS also administers the Northern Territory Work Health Safety (WHS) Act which includes a role to ensure compliance by PWC of their duty towards the safety of their workers and others. The focus of our letter to you, is based on Work Health and Safety obligations of the submission.

PWC presented to NTWS a pole replacement proposal employing a revised risk assessment with consideration towards population density and the likelihood of a power pole or conductors coming into contact with a person. PWC also demonstrated how their assessment included physical inspections of poles for corrosion damage and the like hood of failure

With reference to the replacement of corroded poles in the Alice Springs region and the primary duty of care in section 19 of the WHS Act, NTWS generally supports the modified approach to the replacement of corroded poles in the more densely populated areas.

Yours sincerely



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NT WorkSafe.