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Mr John Skinner
Director - Network Regulation
Australian Energy Regulator
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Dear Mr Skinner

RE: PUBLIC LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Accompanying this letter is the NOROC submission on the Public Lighting Proposal to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).

NOROC represents the Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Kyogle local government areas which cover 10,254km² with a population of approximately 240,000 people.

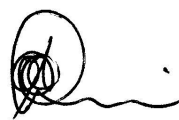
NOROC member councils are extremely concerned about Essential Energy's proposed price increases for street lighting. Because of the complex nature of this issue, NOROC and several other Regional Organisations of Councils in NSW jointly sought specialist advice regarding the submission by Essential Energy to the Australian Energy Regulator.

Given the substantial increases to street lighting as proposed by Essential Energy, it is NOROC's view that the AER must conduct a thorough assessment of Essential Energy's submission to ascertain and justify the validity and fairness of its proposals. NOROC councils are of the opinion Essential Energy's submission to the AER contains inconsistencies and inaccuracies. NOROC supports its member councils in demanding Essential Energy be required to justify its price increases.

NOROC member councils have also made individual submissions on this matter to the AER.

For more information please contact me on 0404046152 or email alewis@noroc.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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