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Dear Mr Leuner

REGULATORY INVESTMENT TEST FOR TRANSMISSION - ISSUES PAPER

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) appreciates this opportunity to provide some brief comments on the AER's Issues Paper on the "Regulatory investment test for transmission".

We consider the RIT-T has an important role in the transmission planning and investment framework going forward. A clear set of application guidelines are crucial to ensure an economic level of network development in response to the changing and increasing patterns of congestion anticipated under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and the expanded Renewable Energy Target .

We support the positions presented in the NGF submission related to this and other matters referred to in that submission.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact, in the first instance, Con Van Kemenade on 02 8345 5278.

Regards,

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