19th January, 2015

Mr Sebastian Roberts

General Manager, Network Regulation

Australian Energy Regulatory

GPO Box 520

Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Mr Roberts,

**Letter of Support for Energex to seek funding for the Peak Smart Program**

I am writing to express my support for the proposal of a “Peak Smart Program”, a demand management initiative to be submitted to the Australian Energy Regulatory (AER) by Energex.

Sekisui House is currently utilising the Peak Smart Program developed and managed by Energex in our new houses in Ripley Valley and other regions that are maintained by Energex. We recognise that this program is an efficient tool for delivering Smart Houses and managing energy demands in the area.

Sekisui House is one of the largest residential home builders and property developers in the world. One of our key objectives when designing, developing and building homes and communities is to take into consideration the long term performance, lifestyle and comfort of our consumers while creating a sustainable and eco-friendly community. The Peak Smart Program can reduce initial infrastructure costs at green field developmments such as ours, which promote sustainable living environments to customers and the wider community.

It is the firm belief of Sekisui House that Demand Management funding is critical to providing a long term solution for high energy costs to our customers. We believe it has made a significant difference since its inception and we will be supporting the implementation of these initiatives for the lifespan of the program.

Sekisui House fully supports the efforts of Energex as they seek funding from the AER to support a continuous Peak Smart program. Such a program has the potential to create smart communities, not only for our project but also for the entire Energex region.

Yours faithfully,

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