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File 3/71/10

15 January 2020

Warwick Anderson  
General Manager  
Australian Energy Regulator  
GPO Box 520  
Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Mr Anderson,

**Re: SA Power Network revised proposal and AER draft decision**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on SA Power Networks' revised regulatory proposal for the five-year regulatory period commencing 1 July 2020.

While I am unable to comment on the capex and opex calculations forming the basis of the proposal and forecast average electricity bills, as a business and on behalf of our community, I support the key customer expectations to:

- Keep prices down;
- Provide a safe and reliable network; and
- Transition to a new energy future.

I welcome the proposed reliability improvements and would like to advocate for a network that is appropriate to our community's needs. Unfortunately, this is not currently the case for all of our district, not only impacting on our community's liveability but restricting economic development, a matter that we have raised, in various forms, for more than ten years.

Residents and businesses in our district regularly experience power interruptions and losses, with outages and brown outs at times causing significant damage to machinery and equipment.

The general lack of supply beyond Keith also creates significant difficulties for new and expanding businesses. Major network augmentation is required to be able to accommodate additional connections for generation or loads at Bordertown, the largest town in the district.

While such reliability improvements and network augmentation will come at a capital cost, I would expect that efficiencies and

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savings in other parts of the business will ensure that prices are kept as low as possible.

Please contact me on ph. [REDACTED] or by email to [REDACTED] if I may provide any further information.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Anne Champness  
Chief Executive Officer

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