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Dear Chris,

**Re: Draft Decision Advanced Metering Infrastructure – Transition Charges Application
(September 2016).**

United Energy accepts the AER's draft decision in full. It is pleasing that the AER and their consultants have recognised United Energy as the benchmark efficient entity in relation to the AMI program.

United Energy notes that the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning made a submission some six weeks late. They have raised an issue as to whether costs have been "recovered twice" by United Energy. United Energy rejects this assertion completely. Directors are required to sign off the accounts to ensure that the same costs are not recovered twice. In addition accounts are externally audited to provide further assurance that the AER's service classification has been complied with.

The overall roll-out of the AMI program has at times been challenging. We are now putting in significant efforts in order to realise the full benefits of the technology in order to pass these savings onto consumers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Schille', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Andrew Schille
General Manager Regulation