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Productivity Commission
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Via email: electricity@pc.gov.au

Dear Commissioners

Submission on Electricity Network Regulation Issues Paper

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Commission's decision making processes and to make a submission on the Commission's Electricity Network Regulation Issues Paper.

The Utility Research and Advocacy Project is a specialised project of the Credit, Commercial and Consumer Law Program (CCCL) within the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology. The project is funded by the Consumers Advocacy Panel, and aims to build a deeper level of insight and knowledge about issues concerning residential, business, rural and remote consumers of electricity.

CCCL has had the grateful opportunity to review and consider the submission made by the Consumer Action Law Centre (Consumer Action).

CCCL is in concordance with the submission made by Consumer Action without exception, and asks that the Commission consider this submission by CCCL as an individual submission wholly endorsing and supporting the Consumer Action submission. It must be noted, however, that

CCCL represents issues concerning residential, business, rural and remote consumers of electricity, and does not restrict its interests to low income or other vulnerable consumers.

Of particular interest, CCCL overwhelmingly support the Consumer Action aspiration that the Commission does not adopt a narrow interpretation of the Commission's Terms of Reference with reference to the National Electricity Objective ~ and takes this opportunity to assess reform initiatives (such as benchmarking marking and concurrent Rule change processes) in terms of broader social, economic and environmental needs and benefits to the community.¹

CCCL looks forward to the Commission's further deliberations.

Regards

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¹ See Consumer Action submission para 12.