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Mr Glen Bounds  
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Dear Mr Bounds

### **DRAFT – REVISED REGULATORY REPORTING GUIDELINE**

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed changes to the Regulatory Reporting Guideline, released by the Office of the Economic Regulator (OTTER) in June 2014 (Draft Guideline).

Aurora Energy Pty Ltd (Aurora) is an incorporated State Government owned fully integrated energy and network business, with complementary activities in telecommunications and energy-related technologies. Aurora provides electricity retail and distribution services to more than 270,000 customers in the Tasmanian jurisdiction. In this document, reference to Aurora should be taken as reference to Aurora in its capacity as the provider of distribution network services licensed by the Regulator under the Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995 (Tas).

Aurora welcomes the review of current regulatory instruments that is being undertaken by OTTER and is hopeful that this ongoing review will result in a lessening of the duplicated nature of the regulatory instruments that are administered by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and OTTER. Any efficiency that can be gained by a review of jurisdictional instruments can lead to a lessening of the regulatory burden on network service providers (NSPs) and ultimately a lessening of costs for customers of those NSPs.

Aurora has reviewed the changes proposed by OTTER in the Draft Guideline and welcomes the decision by OTTER to formalise a risk based approach to regulatory reporting. Aurora suggests that the scope of reporting (section 2.5) be reworded such that the independent appraiser is to concentrate their review on the high and very high risks only. This clarification would ensure that the independent appraiser is focussing on those risks with the highest likelihood and consequence.

Aurora has no further comment to make on the Draft Guideline.

Please contact Leigh Mayne on 0419 369 394 or via e-mail at leigh.mayne@auroraenergy.com.au if you have any further queries regarding this matter.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren Batchelor".

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