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Mr John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission
PO Box A2449
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Dear Mr Pierce,

John

RE: ERC0246 – NATIONAL ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT (METER INSTALLATIONS – ADVANCED METER COMMUNICATIONS) RULE 2018

The Energy and Technical Regulation Division (Division) of the Department for Energy and Mining thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the *National Electricity Amendment (Meter Installations – Advanced Meter Communications) Rule 2018* consultation paper, which was issued by the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) on 11 October 2018 (ERC0246).

The Division considers the purpose of this rule change proposal to be reasonable, recognising a key focus is on providing customers with increased choice and flexibility when making decisions on metering-related services. Should the rule change be made as is proposed, the Division agrees that the cost of converting a type 4 meter into a type 4A meter may be the most cost-efficient method for the customer – therefore delivering cost savings to the customer, the Metering Coordinator (MC), the retailer and other metering service providers. The Division also notes additional benefits may also be achieved – such as not requiring the customer's supply to be interrupted.

Thank you for accepting our submission. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Ms Rebecca Knights, Director, Energy Policy and Projects – Energy and Technical Regulation Division, on (08) 8429 3185.

Yours sincerely,

Vince Duffy

Executive Director, Energy and Technical Regulation

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