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Australian Energy Market Commission
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Dear Sir

**Draft Rule Determination – National Electricity Amendment
(Optimisation of Regulatory Asset Base and the Continued Use of Fully
Depreciated Assets) Rule 2012**

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide input to the Draft Rule Determination *National Electricity Amendment (Optimisation of Regulatory Asset Base and the Continued Use of Fully Depreciated Assets) Rule 2012*, released on 21 June 2012 (the Draft Rule Determination).

Aurora Energy Pty Ltd, ABN 85 082 464 622 (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 generation, 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 services licensed by the Regulator under the Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995.

Aurora considers that the Australian Energy Market Commission has provided a balanced assessment of the rule change proposal and subsequent stakeholder submissions. Aurora supports the AEMC's draft rule determination.

If you have any questions, please address them to the contact noted above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anton Voss".

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