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Dear Mr Pierce 

MCE Request for Advice on Cost Recovery for Mandated Smart Metering Infrastructure – Final Report

Thank you for your work to date developing your advice on Cost Recovery for Mandated Smart Metering Infrastructure.

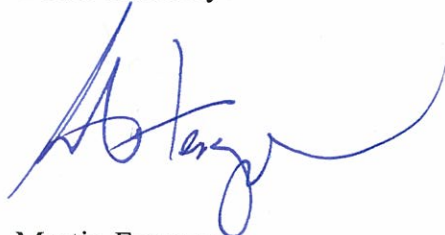
The Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) notes that on 3 September 2010 the Victorian Government released an updated independent cost benefit study of the Victorian smart meter roll-out, which covers a similar scope as the cost benefit study provided to MCE in 2008. The recent study also quantifies a larger range of the identified benefits.

As this analysis is likely to be usefully considered in preparing your advice on cost recovery for mandated smart meter infrastructure, I request you delay finalisation of the report until you have had the opportunity to consider the Victorian study. In order to permit this, MCE will provide an extension of time for the provision of the final report to 29 November 2010.

Ministers intend to consider the report at their December meeting, with the final report to be published by the Commission before 24 December 2010.

Thank you for your work to date and we look forward to reviewing the final report.

Yours sincerely



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