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Australian Energy Market Commission PO Box A2449 Sydney South NSW 1235

Submitted electronically

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: EMO0027: Issues Paper: Advice on Best Practice Retail Price Regulation Methodology

Lumo Energy welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (Commission) in relation to their Issues Paper on Best Practice Retail Price Regulation Methodology.

Lumo Energy is 100% owned by Infratil Limited, a company listed on the New Zealand and Australian Stock Exchanges. Lumo Energy currently sells gas and electricity in Victoria and NSW, and electricity in South Australia and Queensland, and is one of the largest second tier energy retailers. As such, it has a keen interest in retail price regulation across all jurisdictions to the extent it facilitates an efficient and cost effective outcome for consumers.

It is noted that the request from the Standing Council on Energy and Resources suggests that the Commission's proposed methodology will be provided to guide jurisdictions in their consideration, if they choose not to deregulate pricing. Lumo Energy strongly supports price deregulation as it promotes competition and efficient markets the energy industry.

Lumo Energy also supports comments made by the Energy Retailers Association of Australia's (ERAA's) in their submission to the Commission. In particular, that the Commission should define high-level principles in their best practice methodology. This can guide jurisdictions wishing to adopt the principles without detail that may or may not be relevant if they choose to adopt it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8680 6439 to discuss this submission further.

Yours sincerely

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