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Dear Mr Mason

The National Energy Customer Framework

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the policy paper for the National Energy Customer Framework.

IPART notes that the current policy paper includes the policy options for major components of distribution and retail regulation that were proposed in a composite paper prepared by Allens Arthur Robinson (AAR) following public consultation on the policy framework. Further, the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) recommendations are largely consistent with the various position papers prepared by the Utility Regulators Forum in which IPART and other Regulators were closely involved. The development of these papers was based on our combined experience in the energy market.

IPART is therefore supportive of the position taken by the SCO on the policy issues relating to national energy market reform as provided for in the Australian Energy Market Agreement and has not identified any significant problems arising from the recommendations proposed in the composite consultation paper prepared by AAR.

Yours sincerely



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