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Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR DISTRIBUTION AND RETAIL REGULATION

Origin Energy (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Gilbert and Tobin/NERA Consultation Paper *Public Consultation on a National Framework for Energy Distribution and Retail Regulation*.

Overall, Origin agrees with the general policy criteria and approach recommended in the Consultation Paper, and supports the developments toward a national regulatory framework for the energy retail and distribution sectors.

However, the most challenging element of the reform process is likely to be the development of the next level of detail – that is, the content of the rules. This is where the lessons learned to date across the various jurisdictions should be instructive, and we look forward to providing further input.

Please contact Fiona Watters (03 9652 5878) if you would like to discuss any element of this submission.

Yours faithfully

[signed]

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