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Dear Tyson

Submission On the Authority's Draft Decision on Western Power's Proposed Revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Western Power Network

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Authority's draft decision on Western Power's proposed access arrangement revisions.

LGP supports the Authority's Draft Decision. In particular, we welcome the substantial reduction in the Weighted Average Cost of Capital which leads to a reduction in the Network Charges.

We wish to emphasise that network charges paid by non-residential customers currently comprise around one third of the bundled cost of delivered electricity, and the pricing outcomes of Western Power's original proposal would have resulted in further substantial price increases for consumers. Furthermore, the Community Service Obligation payments made to Synergy in order to fund its operating losses are not available to private retailers, thereby distorting competition and the intent of the electricity market.

LGP welcomes the Authority's proposed price stability over the next five years as promoting fair competition in the electricity market and lower prices for consumers.

Yours sincerely

