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Contact: Zahra Jabiri

1 February 2022

Mr Steve Edwell
Chair
Economic Regulation Authority
Level 4, 469 Wellington Street
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Dear Mr Edwell

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

I am pleased to provide the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) with Western Power's proposed revisions to its access arrangement for the fifth access period (**AA5 proposal**), covering the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027, as required by the Electricity Networks Access Code 2004. The AA5 proposal is supported by a message from our Chair, Mr Colin Beckett.

Our AA5 proposal has been prepared via the regulatory framework in its current form, including the reforms that have been completed under the State Government's Energy Transformation Strategy (Stage 1).

Western Power proudly connects more than 2 million Western Australians to electricity for their homes, businesses and essential community infrastructure. Western Australians are embracing renewable energy technologies at one of the highest rates in Australia, driving a significant and unprecedented change in the expectations of our transmission and distribution electricity networks. This requires Western Power to continue to manage the existing network, treat ageing assets and maintain safety, reliability of our services, and enhance the climate resilience of our network while we transform into the future.

We have undertaken extensive consultation with our broad range of customers and stakeholders in the community to capture and incorporate their views into our submission. Customers and the community tell us they expect electricity to be there when they need it. They expect safe, reliable and increasingly renewable energy, delivered at an affordable price and for Western Power to enable a renewable-powered future.

Western Power's strategy is to move as safely and as affordably as possible to a modular grid which will improve our ability to respond to extreme weather events and connect more renewables to the network. We will continue to evolve our network to safely accommodate renewable generation and innovate and develop products and services that support the decarbonisation and electrification of the transport, industrial and processing sectors.



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Western Power considers this proposal best serves the long-term interests of consumers. The AA5 proposal enables us to meet our safety, reliability and efficiency obligations in connecting Western Australians to our electricity network and enabling the community to benefit from their investment in distributed energy resources.

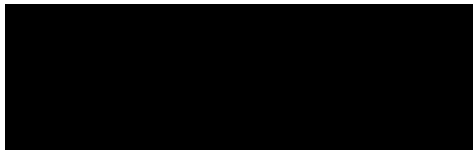
We consider our proposed revisions comply with the requirements of the Access Code and reflects an optimum investment profile which keeps prices affordable and meets the current and future expectations of customers and the community now and into the future.

The AA5 proposal is being delivered via an electronic portal. Portal access details have been provided to the Secretariat's staff.

We look forward to working with the ERA over the coming months to ensure a smooth determination process.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further, I invite you to contact myself or Zahra Jabiri, Head of Regulation and Investment Assurance, on 9441 3518.

Yours sincerely

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Ed Kalajzic
Chief Executive Officer