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Dear Adam,

I write in response to the invitation for comment on the distribution of retail licensing for energy transmission in Western Australia.

I am the elected representative of Transformer Filtration Systems (reg in Queensland) which provides transformer oil filtration services and systems to holders and suppliers of electricity.

The consistent and reliable supply of electricity from private providers will be paramount to the successful implementation for privatisation. One component of this is ensuring that equipment used in this supply is maintained and serviced to ensure optimum performance of the equipment. A critical piece of equipment is the transformer boxes. As you are no doubt aware insulating oil protects the core from the outer casing and stops arching preventing the box being destroyed. The insulating oil needs to be maintained as oil in a car engine. This ensures the life of the transformer box is extended and improves its uptime and therefore supply.

The licenses should promote reliability of service and mandate the requirement of service contracts for operating equipment and in our interest is the supply and servicing of filtration units and the transformer boxes.

Failure to service this equipment will result in poor reliability and expensive replacement of transformer boxes thus increasing the cost of supply

I look forward to the further review of these licenses.

Yours sincerely

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