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Dear Lyndon

PROPOSED ESPERANCE GAS DISTRIBUTION LICENCE TRANSFER

Thank you for your letter of 2 November inviting submissions on the proposed licence transfer by Burns and Roe Worley Power Generation (Esperance) Pty Ltd to a related entity.

I am not aware of any matters raised by the proposed transfer that would affect the ability of Esperance Power Station Pty Ltd to operate and maintain the gas distribution network in Esperance. I agree with Esperance Power Station Pty Ltd's views, as reported in the issues paper, that the project will deliver significant public benefits.

Since these benefits and the lack of evidence that the proposed transfer would impact on delivery of the project, I believe the licence transfer should be expedited so that gas is available in Esperance in early 2005.

You may publish this submission on the Economic Regulation Authority's web site.

Should you have any questions or require further information in relation to our submission, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Crouch on 9420 5654 or Jenni Skyner on 9420 5697.

Yours sincerely

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