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RE: Review of WestNet Rail's Floor and Ceiling Costs for Certain Rail Lines

Dear Russell,

Alcoa World Alumina and Worsley Alumina have jointly prepared the attached submission in response to the Request for Public Submissions issued by the Economic Regulation Authority on 14 September 2006.

In preparing this submission, we have again formed the view that the approach taken by WestNet in limiting the amount of data available is detrimental to the public consultation process. We acknowledge the efforts made by the Authority in assisting us to obtain some additional information which has assisted in the preparation of our response. The lack of information available in some key areas has reduced our capacity to respond in detail in those areas. We would prefer to see a more detailed submission from WestNet particularly where changes to the asset base are being made – for example the additional crossing loops on the South West Main and the “missing” communications backbone assets.

The attached response addresses each of the five issues raised in your notice of 14 September 2006 and our responses are provided in the same order and under the same major headings. As we have also provided two confidential appendices in support of some of the issues raised in our submission, these are attached separately and the corresponding locations in the main submission have been left blank. We would ask that the two appendices be treated as confidential under Section 50 of the Code.

We have attempted to provide a detailed response within the time constraints permitted however we acknowledge that the technical details in some sections of our submission may require further

explanation. To this end, we have asked our consultants to be available to address issues of clarification should they arise.

We look forward to an opportunity to respond to the Draft Determination on WestNet's proposed Floor and Ceiling costs for these lines when it becomes available for comment.

Yours sincerely

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