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Dear Lyndon

MAJOR AUGMENTATION PROPOSAL – Mid-West 330 kV Transmission Line

In accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Networks Access Code 2004, I am pleased to submit Western Power's Major Augmentation Proposal for a major reinforcement of the Western Power transmission network north of Perth.

The major component of the proposed project is a new 330 kV transmission line between Pinjar and Geraldton. The reinforcement is required by November 2010 to meet a forecast capacity shortage and to enable connection of new industrial customers (loads and generators) in the region. This project is a significant milestone in the development of our state and the total cost of the project is approximately \$300M. Under Chapter 9 of the Code, any transmission network augmentation over \$15M must be submitted to the Authority for assessment against the requirements of the Regulatory Test.

An electronic version and one printed copy of the submission documents are enclosed. An electronic copy of supporting data is also included. Please note that some attachments and supporting data contain sensitive financial information (such as the costs of lines and the details of specific generation proposals), are confidential and should not be published by the Authority. In particular, please note that Attachment 2 in the submission is the version of the CRA report which was published previously – a second version, complete with detailed financial information, is provided in electronic form but is not for publication.

I believe this submission demonstrates the proposed Mid-West 330 kV Transmission Line project meets the relevant regulatory test requirements under the Code, and Western Power looks forward to the Authority's confirmation of this.

Yours sincerely,

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