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Dear Ms Tilsed

RE WESTERN POWER 300KV MID-WEST AUGMENTATION

The Ardross Group is a major developer of new communities at Jurien Bay, MillBridge Private Estate and Yakamia in Albany. Since 2005 the Ardross Group has developed significant new infrastructure in Jurien Bay and sold some 560 lots. The Company expects to develop 100 urban lots each year into the foreseeable future.

Western Power has advised the Ardross Group that the availability of power may, without augmentation, constrain further development of Jurien Bay. The Ardross Group understands that light industry and commercial operators have received similar advice. Augmentation would include upgrading of the transmission line from Eneabba to Jurien Bay, but this depends on available supply being available from Geraldton/Pinjar and upgrading to a 330kv line.

The Ardross Group has made a number of representations to Western Power emphasising the need to augment existing supply arrangements to Jurien Bay.

Western Power has advised that, subject to Board and Regulatory approvals, it has every intention of meeting the anticipated growth in demand. The Company has assisted Western Power's planning process by providing up to date information on the future release of land for residential, commercial and light industry purposes.

The Ardross Group supports Western Power's claim that the proposed transmission line provides "ability to accommodate load growth in the region". The Ardross Group however, is not in a position to comment on a number of the specific questions raised in ERA's issues paper.

Your sincerely

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