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Dear Lyndon

PRE-APPROVAL OF NEW FACILITIES INVESTMENT

Please find attached a submission to the Authority requesting pre-approval of *new facilities investment* under the Access Code (2004) for the construction of a 330kV transmission line and associated works in the Mid-West region of Western Australia. This project is a *major augmentation* to the Western Power transmission network and has already been determined by the Authority to meet the requirements of the *regulatory test* in the Code.

The existing 132kV system in the Mid-West region is unable to meet natural load growth beyond 2010, and in addition to maintaining the reliability and safe operation of the network beyond 2010 the proposed *major augmentation* will also facilitate the connection of new major industrial loads and power generators

This submission is based on reasonable estimated costs, prior to entering into the significant commercial arrangements with suppliers.

Please note the time scale for this project is somewhat pressing and Western Power hopes to commit to some construction contracts in May 2008.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Peter Mattner

Yours sincerely

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