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Dear Ms Walters

### **RE: Midwest Energy Project – application under the Regulatory Test**

Griffin Energy welcomes the opportunity to make comment to the ERA regarding the above.

This project has some history and it is not the first time a major augmentation to the bulk transmission system in the Midwest has sought regulatory approval. Whilst Griffin has supported the requirement to augment the transmission system in the Midwest (along with the requirement to upgrade transmission in the South West), we have been critical of previous Western Power processes. On this occasion, we believe that Western Power has undertaken a robust process for determining the most appropriate options and managing stakeholder engagement and consultation. Griffin supports the option proposed by Western Power and does not believe there will be any impediment to meeting the Regulatory Test.

Griffin does however have some reservations on how Western Power will manage an application under the New Facilities Investment Test (NFIT) for this project. The outcome of the NFIT will be critical for the successful financing of this important piece of infrastructure. We look forward to the Authority's Issues Paper on this in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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