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Dear Mr Fullerton

Re: Expected Period for consideration of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) proposed Hunter Valley Access Undertaking (HVAU).

I refer to your letter of 2 June 2011 seeking the agreement of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to stop the clock for the consideration of ARTC's proposed HVAU, submitted on 7 September 2010. ARTC has proposed that the period from 8 June 2011 to 28 June 2011 (inclusive) be disregarded for the purposes of working out the expected period.

The ACCC agrees to ARTC's request. As noted in your letter, the effect of this is that the statutory timeframe for decision-making is now extended to 30 June 2011.

Yours sincerely

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