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Dear Clare

ADDITIONAL DATA FOR THE DTCS BENCHMARK DATASET

Thank you for your letter of 26 August requesting Optus and VHA write a public letter to the ACCC regarding additional transmission data to be included in the DTCS benchmark dataset.

We welcome the ACCC decision to analyse and explore these additional data points.

The additional data points represent one of Australia's largest single non-regulated wholesale transmission deals and will provide important new competitive observations which will lead to a more comprehensive and accurate benchmarking process. Inclusion of the new data will materially improve the DTCS benchmark dataset and will help to ensure that the benchmark analysis promotes the long term interest of end-users.

Optus and VHA are happy to continue to work with the ACCC to ensure that DTCS benchmark dataset accurately represents the competitive supply of wholesale transmission. It is important to include transmission services supplied by wholesale operators other than Telstra to ensure the analysis can properly measure the impact of competition on prices.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely



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