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Dear Sir/Madam

Eastern Energy Buyers Group applications for authorisation A91594 & A91595 — final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by EEBG on 4 August 2017.

EEBG sought authorisation, on behalf of its current and future members, to establish a joint energy purchasing group where they will combine their gas and electricity requirements and conduct one or more joint tender processes to meet their energy demand.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for 11 years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in paragraphs 40-65 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 13 December 2017. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 14 December 2017.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Kaitlin Hanrahan on (03) 9290 1917.

Yours sincerely

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