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Dear Interested Party

Re: Victoria's Electricity Distribution Network Service Providers' application for authorisation AA1000668 – final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd, CitiPower Pty Ltd, Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic) Ltd, Powercor Australia Ltd and United Energy Distribution Pty Ltd (the **Applicants**) on 19 April 2024.

The Applicants sought authorisation to continue to operate their accreditation scheme requiring civil contractors performing underground civil works involving electrical infrastructure assets to meet certain accreditation standards.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for 10 years.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached and is also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), 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 2 October 2024. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 3 October 2024.

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 have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Lynette Lymbers on (02) 9230 9132 or exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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