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Mr David Meagher
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Dear Mr Meagher

Notification of third line forcing lodged by AGL Retail Energy Limited

I refer to the third line forcing notification lodged by AGL Retail Energy Limited (AGL) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 21 July 2003.

The notification lodged by AGL details an arrangement whereby it will offer a discount on natural gas on the condition that the consumer enters into a fixed term energy supply contract for natural gas or natural gas and electricity (for a duration of up to three years) and acquires a selected energy appliance (being a heating, cooling, cooking or hot water appliance of any brand) from an AGL Retail Partner. This offer will only be extended to consumers in New South Wales.

Legal immunity provided by the notifications commenced on 4 August 2003.

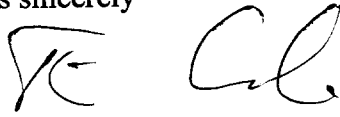
As with any notification, please note that the Commission may act to remove the immunity afforded by this notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the Commission's public register.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Sullivan on 02 6243 1354.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TG' followed by a stylized flourish.

Tim Grimwade
General Manager
Adjudication Branch