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Mr Stephen Thomson
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Dear Mr Thomson

Applications (A40090, A40091, and A40092) for authorisation of REMCo Retail Market Rules

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission approved on 2 June 2004 the enclosed *Draft Determination* proposing authorisation to the above applications. The authorisation period proposed is for five years and will remain in force until 31 May 2009, unless revoked before that date.

Pursuant to section 90(A) of the Trade Practices Act, the ACCC invites REMCo and other interested parties to notify it within 14 days of the date of this letter, whether they wish the ACCC to hold a conference in relation to this *Draft Determination*.¹

If REMCo or any interested party notifies the ACCC in writing within the time period that they wish the ACCC to hold a conference, the ACCC will appoint a date, time and place for the conference and give notice to all interested parties.

The ACCC is also inviting interested parties to provide written submissions commenting on this *Draft Determination*. Submissions should be provided to the ACCC by no later than 25 June 2004.

¹ For the purposes of the pre-decision conference, an interested person is a person who has notified the ACCC in writing that the person, or a specified unincorporated association of which the person is a member, claims to have an interest in the application and the ACCC is of the opinion that the interest is real and substantial.

Please note that a copy of this letter will be placed on the ACCC's Public Register.

If you have any queries about any issue raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me on (02) 6243 1259.

Yours sincerely

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