

23 June 2004

Mr Stephen Kelly
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National Electricity Code Administrator
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Dear Mr Kelly

**Request for Interim Authorisation of NSW transmission pricing Derogations –
Minor variations to the national electricity code (A40074 – A40076, as amended)**

I refer to the above applications for minor variations to the existing authorisations of the National Electricity Code, lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 18 June 2004. Specifically, I note the request from the NSW Minister for Energy and Utilities for interim authorisation of the proposed changes to the NSW Derogations in chapter 9 of the code.

The Commission has considered this request and has decided, pursuant to subsection 91(2)(e) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, to grant interim authorisation to the derogations as submitted in your fax of 18 June 2004. This interim authorisation comes into force on Wednesday 23 June 2004 and will lapse when the Commission's final determination in regard to each application comes into force, unless revoked before this date.

Please note that under subsection 91(2) of the Act, the Commission may revoke an interim authorisation at any time.

If you have any queries about any issue raised in this letter, please contact Kaye Johnston on (02) 6243 1258.

Yours sincerely

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