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Mr Richard Bolt
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Dear Mr Bolt

**Victorian Full Retail Competition (Metering) Derogations
Final Determination**

On 6 April 2004, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) received applications for authorisation (Nos A90915, A90916, and A90917) of derogations from Chapter 7 of the National Electricity Code. The applications were made by the National Electricity Code Administrator (NECA) on behalf of the Victorian Minister for Energy, Industries and Resources, under Part VII of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (TPA). The stated purpose of the applications is to extend Victoria's derogations from chapter 7 of the National Electricity Code regarding the metering arrangements for small customers in Victoria.

Please find enclosed a copy of the ACCC's final determination, which outlines its analysis and views on the derogations. The ACCC proposes to authorise the derogations, subject to a condition of authorisation.

A person dissatisfied with the final determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review.

If you have any enquiries, please contact me on (03) 9290 1867, or Gabrielle Ford on (03) 9290 1942.

Yours sincerely

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