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Mr Peter Ernst-Russell
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Dear Mr Ernst-Russell

**Re Third line forcing notification No. N91614, lodged by AGL ACT Retail Investments
Pty Ltd and ACTEW Retail Limited (ActewAGL)**

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 12 January 2005. This notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The notification lodged by ActewAGL details a proposed arrangement whereby a rebate will be offered to customers in Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra who acquire certain services from ActewAGL, being electricity, gas or internet, on condition that they also acquire certain telephony services from TransACT for a fixed term of 24 months.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification will come into force on 26 January 2004.

On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC 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.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Green on 02 6243 1088.


Yours sincerely



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YES / NO



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