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Mr Blair Smith
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Dear Mr Smith

**Third line forcing notifications N40962 and N40963 lodged by
Origin Energy (Vic) Pty Ltd (GasCo) and
Origin Energy Electricity Limited (ElectricityCo)**

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) by GasCo and ElectricityCo on 21 February 2006. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

GasCo and ElectricityCo have described the conduct as follows:

... consumers who accept a dual market contract with ElectricityCo and GasCo will receive free standard metropolitan installation of FOXTEL television and the equivalent of a 5% discount off the value of the selected monthly viewing FOXTEL Starter package for 24 months. The free installation and discount is only available where the customer accepts a 24 month contract with FOXTEL and the customer remains a customer of both ElectricityCo and GasCo for the duration of the FOXTEL contract.

Legal immunity conferred by these notifications commenced on 7 March 2006.

On the basis of the information provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage. I note, for your information, that FOXTEL Management

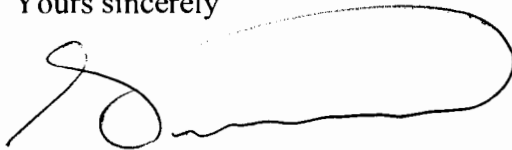


Pty Ltd lodged notification N92402 on behalf of the FOXTEL Partnership in respect of similar conduct and this notification has also been allowed to stand. Immunity conferred by Foxtel Management's notification will commence on 15 March 2006.

Please note that the ACCC may act to remove the immunity afforded by these notifications 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.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Nadia Cooke on (03) 9290 1478.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Scott Gregson', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Gregson
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