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Dear Mr Henderson

**Third line forcing notification N92564 lodged by Country Energy**

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 25 July 2006. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

You describe the conduct as follows:

Country Energy is proposing to provide a 'member offer' to Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) members. The offer provides that if a VFF member chooses CE as its electricity retailer, that member will be given a \$60 discount on the renewal of their VFF membership.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification will come into force on 8 August 2006.

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 the notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the conduct results, or is likely to result in a net detriment to the public.

A copy of 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 Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217.

Yours sincerely

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