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Mr Jeffrey Appel  
Principal  
Schetzer Brott & Appel  
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Dear Mr Appel

**Third line forcing notifications N93649 – N93692 lodged by AA Entities**

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 12 November 2008. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The AA Entities propose to grant fuel reseller licenses to commission agents on condition that each commission agent purchases a range of convenience store products, or ingredients thereof, and maintenance services from suppliers nominated by the AA Entities from time to time.

Legal immunity conferred by the notifications will commence on 26 November 2008. On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken on this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC may act to remove the immunity afforded by the 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 assessment has been made on the basis that the AA Entities and their nominated supplier(s) will disclose all relevant terms and conditions to prospective clients.

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 Jasmine Tan on (02) 6243 1363.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Chadwick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Richard Chadwick**  
**General Manager**  
**Adjudication Branch**