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Dear Mr Poddar

PWCS, NCIG and NPC applications for authorisation (A91147 – A91149 and A91168-A91169) — interim authorisation decision

I refer to your letter of 17 September 2009 advising that all of the Capacity Framework Documents have now been executed. The Applicants also requested interim authorisation of the amended Capacity Framework Arrangements.

The ACCC has decided to grant interim authorisation to the Capacity Framework Arrangements, as amended on 14 September 2009. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation commences immediately and protects the arrangements from legal action under the relevant provisions of the Act while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Interim authorisation will remain in place until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or unless revoked. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266 (david.hatfield@accc.gov.au) or Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 (jaime.martin@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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