



GPO Box 3131 Canberra ACT 2601

23 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra ACT 2601

> tel: (02) 6243 1111 fax: (02) 6243 1199 www.accc.gov.au

Our Ref: C2009/1719 Contact Officer: Simon Mitchell Contact Number: 03 9290 6909

November 2009

Megan Gallagher Corporate Lawyer Origin Energy Level 32, 360 Elizabeth St Melbourne 3000

Dear Ms Gallagher

Third line forcing notification N94254 Origin Energy Electricity Ltd

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 12 October 2009. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Origin Energy Electricity Ltd (Origin Energy) proposes to supply its Central Victorian Solar City Energy Plan to consumers on condition that they also acquire the participation plan from either Bendigo Solar Park Pty Ltd or Ballarat Solar Park Pty Ltd.

Legal immunity conferred by this notification commenced on 26 October 2009.

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 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.

This assessment has been made on the basis that Origin Energy discloses all relevant terms and conditions to prospective customers.

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 Simon Mitchell on (03) 9290 6909.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick

General Manager

Adjudication Branch