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Dear Mr Evans

**Retail Energy Market Company Ltd (REMCo) authorisation applications  
A91136-A91138 – interim application decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by REMCo on 1 May 2009. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the applications.

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the applicant and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the applications. The ACCC will give both the applicant and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. 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 by the ACCC.

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 Jackson Mallory on (02) 6243 1061.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Richard Chadwick  
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