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Dear Mr Evans

**Retail Energy Market Company Ltd applications for authorisation A91170 & A91171  
- interim authorisation decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Retail Energy Market Company Ltd (REMCo) on 24 July 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 application.

**Next steps**

The ACCC is proposing to release a draft determination responding to applications A91170 & A91171 in the near future. This draft determination will take account of any submissions from REMCo and interested parties previously provided to the ACCC in respect of A91136-A91138.

The ACCC will give both REMCo 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.

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