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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Energy Assured Limited applications for authorisation A91258 & A91259
- Extension of statutory time period and timing of pre-decision conference**

Following release of the draft determination on Energy Assured Limited's (EAL) applications for authorisation on 11 April 2011, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) sought confirmation of EAL's assurance to extend the statutory timeframe for release of a final determination to 30 June 2011. On 12 April 2011 EAL formally agreed to this extension.

In its letter to interested parties on 11 April 2011, the ACCC provided an indicative timetable for its assessment of the applications. This timetable incorporates the extension of the statutory timeframe and has not changed. However, the date for a pre-decision conference (if called) has changed.

The ACCC advises that if a pre-decision conference is requested it will be held at 1pm on Friday 29 April 2011, at the ACCC's Sydney office with video conferencing links to ACCC offices in other cities. If a pre-decision conference is called, the ACCC will formally invite interested parties to attend.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

The Applicant or any interested party may request that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference. If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **25 April 2011**.

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 Neil Howes on (03) 9290 1416 or Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Yours sincerely

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