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Dear Ms Gray

Third line forcing notification N95670 lodged by Origin Energy Electricity Limited

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 11 January 2012. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Until 31 December 2012, Origin Energy Electricity Limited (Origin) proposes to offer to supply electricity to members of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) on terms which provide benefits more favourable to those members than Origin's standard market terms offered to the same size customers who are not members of VFF. The particular benefit will vary depending on the particular offer. For example, it may be that VFF members are offered a greater discount on their electricity usage or receive a rebate on their electricity bill.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification will commence on 25 January 2012.

On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in 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 and VFF will disclose 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 Tanya Hobbs on (02) 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Jones', written in a cursive style.

David Jones
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