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Dear Malcolm

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd – Draft Amending Access Undertaking to extend the term of the 2010 Access Undertaking

As you are aware, Aurizon Network's 2010 Access Undertaking (2010AU) will expire on 30 June 2014.

It is considered unlikely that Aurizon Network's proposed 2013 Undertaking will be finalised on or before this date. Aurizon Network understands, and appreciates, that stakeholders (and Aurizon Network) are seeking certainty around the process for finalising Reference Tariffs for the 2014 financial year (FY2014) and setting transitional Reference Tariffs for the 2015 financial year (FY2015).

Aurizon Network therefore submits for approval by the QCA a Draft Amending Access Undertaking (DAAU), under section 142 of the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997 (Qld), to extend the term of the 2010AU to 30 June 2015, to confirm Reference Tariffs for FY2014 and to provide transitional Reference Tariffs for FY2015. The DAAU also confirms that the difference between FY2014 actual and transitional allowable revenues will be returned to, or recovered from, Access Holders via an Adjustment Charge.

In preparing the DAAU, Aurizon Network has consulted with the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) on behalf of coal producers. Unlike for the DAAU to extend the term of the 2010AU to 30 June 2014, the QRC has confirmed it is not in a position to formally endorse the entire submission as endorsement has not been unanimously provided by producers. Notwithstanding, Aurizon Network has endeavoured to incorporate the views of a majority of producers in this DAAU.

This submission comprises an explanatory memorandum, clean and mark-up versions of the DAAU and a soft copy of the pricing model supporting the FY2015 Transitional Tariffs. Consistent with past submission, Aurizon Network requests that the pricing model is not published as it contains information on specific Train Services.

Should you have any queries in relation to this draft amending access undertaking, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Selkirk on (07) 3019 5250 or greg.selkirk@aurizon.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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