



8 August 2012

Ms Sarah Lau  
Australian Energy Market Commission  
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Sydney South NSW 1235  
By email

Dear Ms Lau,

**RE: Review of distribution reliability outcomes and standards, National Workstream Issues paper (EPR0031)**

Origin appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Issues paper that addresses the Review of Distribution Reliability Outcomes and Standards (National Workstream).

Origin supports a consistent framework measuring distribution reliability and standards across jurisdictions. The AER has recognised there is considerable potential for further benchmarking between distributors in Australia. A uniform framework for measuring reliability outcomes should allow for more effective benchmarking between jurisdictions and a better understanding of efficiency in network expenditure, as distribution network operators increase spending substantially to renew ageing infrastructure.

Should you have any questions in relation to this submission please contact me in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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