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Ms Lyn Camilleri
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Emailed to electricitymonitoring@accc.gov.au.

Dear Ms Camilleri

Energy Queensland submission to ACCC consultation on guidelines for the Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct Bill

Energy Queensland welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) regarding the Guidelines on the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019* (PEMM Bill).

Energy Queensland notes that the PEMM Bill introduces a series of new powers for the ACCC and the Treasurer to employ to address alleged misconduct by electricity retailers and generators. Energy Queensland considers that the Guidelines will be an important tool to assist affected parties to be compliant with the new legislation.

As noted in Energy Queensland's submission to the ACCC's Retail Electricity Pricing Inquiry issues paper, our electricity retail business, Ergon Energy Queensland, is subject to price regulation under Queensland legislation. Although the new provisions in the PEMM Bill which relate to pricing do not apply to standing offers (section 153E(2)), Energy Queensland considers that there is value in an explicit statement being included in the Guidelines to the effect that regulated prices made under jurisdictional legislation are exempt from the application of the PEMM Bill.

If the ACCC would like to discuss any aspect of this request, please contact me on (07) 3664 4105 or Trudy Fraser on (07) 3851 6787.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. G. Martin".

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