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Dear Penny

Thank you for your email of 10 January.

The applicant welcomes the market participants' support.

Regarding Alinta's proposal that the ACCC include a materiality threshold and relevance test for rule change notifications, the applicant will leave this to the ACCC's judgment as to the best way to manage the rule change process. An alternative view to Alinta's proposal would be that a mechanism in which the ACCC is notified as a matter of course of all rule changes may be administratively simpler, and avoids the risk of disagreements over what is and is not material. All rule changes are public.

Regarding Woodside's proposal that the duration of the authorisation be linked to a possible review under section 120ZG of the *Electricity Industry Act*, the ACCC is probably aware that these legislated statutory reviews do not always occur, and that their timing is uncertain at best. The applicant continues to believe that a 10 year authorisation term strikes a suitable balance in terms of maximising certainty and minimising compliance costs. If a section 120ZG review does occur and discloses material issues, then any affected stakeholder, or Pilbara ISOCO, would be able to request the ACCC's intervention under sections 91B(3) or 91C(3) of the CCA.

We look forward to reviewing the ACCC's draft decision, in due course.

Regards,
Cheryl and Matt