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Dear David

**Submission of 2008 Grid Upgrade Plan Instalment 3 – Part IX:
Marsden Substation Investment Proposal**

Please find attached Part IX of the 2008 Grid Upgrade Plan Instalment 3 – the Marsden Substation Investment Proposal.

The Marsden 220 kV and 110 kV buses are part of the core grid as per the definition of core grid assets in Schedule F3A of Section III of Part F of the EGRs. There are no bus couplers installed on the Marsden 220 kV and 110 kV buses and no protection scheme on the 110 kV bus, which means that the Grid Reliability Standard is not met for those assets. This Proposal is an enhancement to bring the Marsden substation in line with the Grid Reliability Standard.

I trust that the information provided is sufficient to allow the Commission to undertake effective review of the proposal. Should you require further information, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

John Clarke
Acting General Manager Grid Development

Enclosure