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WESTERN POWER ACCESS ARRANGEMENT PROPOSAL

Dear Mr Self,

The ERA has invited public comment on Western Power's proposed revisions to the access arrangements for the Western Power Network.

The Water Corporation is conducting trials of smart water metering to evaluate customer and business benefits available from these technologies and to prepare a business case for future investment. Cost Benefit Analysis will be a significant component of the business case.

In order to gain maximum benefit from the capital cost of advanced metering infrastructure, there would be benefit from utilities sharing installed technology. To this end the Water Corporation and Western Power will be conducting a joint trial of smart metering early in 2012. The purpose of this trial will be to demonstrate that data from the smart water meter can be delivered to our back end systems through Western Power's Smart Grid.

If this trial proves successful, it will present an opportunity for further consideration of joint initiatives. This could have an impact on the business case for future investment.

Yours sincerely

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