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Dear Kenny

**Ref: Consultation on Power Procurement Business (PPB) Price Control May 2019 to September 2023**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation by the Utility Regulator (UR).

We welcome that the UR's main objective in setting PPB's price control for the period May 2019 to September 2023 is to "align PPB's return on its activities and its incentives with the best interests of consumers under the new I-SEM".

Based on the figures and the analysis that the UR has provided, The Consumer Council is satisfied that the proposed 2019-2023 price control should deliver a positive outcome for consumers while ensuring PPB's financeability.

We note the UR proposals to set out PPB's winding down costs in advance of the termination of the GUA by 2023. These provide certainty on costs, particularly if the

UR decides to cancel the contracts before 2023.

I hope you find our submission useful. You can contact me on 28 9025 1645 if you wish to discuss any aspect of my response.

Yours sincerely

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