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Dear Ms Towers

## Distribution Loss Factors (DLFs) for 2007/08

Country Energy proposes to leave the General DLFs unchanged for 2007/08, with the exception of all low voltage DLFs, which have now been allocated the same weighted average low voltage DLF (DLF codes BL0A, DLDL, DLD2, DLD6, DLGB, DLGD). The value of this DLF has also been slightly reduced to reflect a minor decrease in the overall weighted average DLF.

The DLF calculations are based on data from the most recent available continuous 12 month period and have been calculated consistent with customer differentiation based on voltage levels, in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (NER).

## **General DLFs**

Class or NMI	DLF Code	Proposed DLF 2007/08
Low Voltage	BL0A	1.1030
LV & Metered at CE Substation	BL5A	1.0483
High Voltage Line	BH0A	1.0388
High Voltage Substation	BH5A	1.0365
Subtransmission	BS0A	1.0281
Northern	DLDL	1.1030
Euston	DLD2	1.1030
Wentworth	DLD6	1.1030
Balranald	DLGB	1.1030
Deniliquin	DLGD	1.1030

Note: Euston and Wentworth values are exclusive of the Powercor loss factor

Country Energy also proposes to leave the site specific DLFs relatively unchanged, with the exception of the addition of one new DLF. The Snowy Plains Wind Farm (DLF code

BS47) has been added as it is a new customer and is expected to become operational during 2007/08.

## Site Specific DLFs

Class or NMI	DLF Code	Proposed DLF 2007/08
NAAA00AC11	BS33	1.0934
NAAA00AC14	BS34	1.0934
NAAA00AD65	BS35	1.0343
NTTTW0RU20	BS37	1.0000
NAAANRAB50	BS38	1.0096
NAAA00AC21	BS39	1.0090
NAAANRAA01	BS41	1.1009
NTTTW0W110	NONE	1.0000
4001151659	BS43	0.9790
NFFFNRK039	BS44	0.9927
4001175717	BS45	1.0925
4508034707	BS46	1.0550
Snawy Placas Wing Fluin	BS47	0.9526

## Methodology

In accordance with the NER, Country Energy has based the DLF calculations on the most recent available continuous 12 month period. Country Energy has used a combination of load-flow samples, purchase and sales data, assumptions in relation to theft as a percentage of sales, and engineering data to re-assess the proposed loss factors. Additionally site specific loss factors were determined using the specific local network data for those customers.

All generators that are of a size requiring them to have site-specific loss factors (that is greater than 10MW), have individually listed DLFs.

Detailed spreadsheets showing the derivation of these loss factors are available on request. If you have any questions or require any further information in relation to our proposed DLFs, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Cooke on 02 6338 3685.

Yours sincerely

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