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Dear Julian,

Re: New Urgent Modification Proposal 0129 : "Delay to the 2007 AMSEC Auction"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Modification Proposal. We only offer comments on the processes employed in progressing this proposal.

We would take this opportunity to refer to our response to 0128, which we believe is of direct relevance to this proposal. Of particular note is the need to make amendments to the UNC because insufficient time has been allowed to implement the necessary changes to the licence provisions.

Similar to modification proposal 0128, this proposal again raises serious questions about the extent to which formal UNC modification rules can be by passed, whilst still expecting engagement from UNC parties. In particular, impossibly tight timescales which prohibit any meaningful engagement with internal business stakeholders, and even less opportunity to engage with cross industry colleagues who rely upon Panel members to represent their views.

Proposal 0129 puts forward a solution to the perceived problem brought about by imposing such a significant change upon the industry as part of the implementation of the price control at such a late stage of the process.

In our opinion, there has been insufficient time to consider the impact that this solution has upon the UNC and the long term entry capacity process. For these reasons we are unable to offer any views as to the merits or otherwise of this proposal.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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