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Our ref: S03/03436
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Dear Mr Moore

**Subject: Vineyard to Rouse Hill Electricity Upgrade
Environmental Assessment Requirements**

As you are aware, on 1 August 2005 the provisions applying to projects for which the Minister for Planning is the approval authority changed with the introduction of Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (EP&A Act).

The Minister made an Order which makes infrastructure proposals requiring an EIS under Part 5 of the EP&A, and for which the Proponent (other than a council or county council) is a determining authority, subject to Part 3A. This means that the proposed Vineyard to Rouse Hill Electricity Upgrade, as described in the draft project EIS dated September 2005, will be subject to Part 3A.

Transitional provisions were also made under the EP&A Regulation. These effectively provide for the "accreditation" of certain assessment work. In relation to the Vineyard to Rouse Hill Electricity Upgrade Project, these provisions enable the Director-General, at her discretion, to adopt Director-General's requirements previously issued for the purpose of Part 3A environmental assessment requirements.

Accordingly, under clause 8J(1) of the EP&A Regulation, I have decided to adopt the requirements previously issued for the project dated 14 January 2004.

You have recently submitted under Section 75H of the Act a draft Environmental Assessment for the proposal, prepared by Parsons Brinckerhoff (dated September 2005). The Department is currently consulting with the relevant authorities to determine the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment and will advise you shortly.

As previously agreed, Integral Energy will be responsible for public exhibition of the Environmental Assessment (EIS), once the Department advises it is adequate for public exhibition purposes.

Please contact Neville Osborne (ph 9228 6337) or Rebecca Newman (ph 9228 6340) if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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