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Mr. Neville Osbourne Manager Energy Infrastructure Projects Department of Planning GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Kate Masters

Department of Planning Received 1 & MAR 2011 Scanning Room



Dear Mr Osbourne,

Mass Transit Corridor – Part 3A Project Application – CityGrid Stage 2D

I refer to the project application for Stage 2D of the CityGrid Project. Transport NSW has undertaken extensive consultation with Energy Australia and their technical advisors on this project.

In order to ensure that the proposed development will not have an adverse impact on the viability of planning for a future mass transit corridor, Transport NSW has considered the likely effect of the proposed developments on:

- 1. the practicability and cost of carrying out development for the purposes of a metro on the relevant land in the future,
- 2. the structural integrity or safety of, or ability to operate, a future metro,
- 3. the land acquisition costs and the cost of the construction, operation or maintenance of the metro corridor.

There are also concerns about the interaction between the project and the approved metro, particularly during the construction of the metro as the proposed CityGrid tunnel runs directly below the approved metro corridor. The placing of any foundations, other structures and building loads in or near the proposed rail alignment may affect the practicability of the mass transit corridor, its construction cost and the capacity to design it to meet future railway operational needs.

In this respect Transport NSW is satisfied that the development can proceed without having an adverse effect on the viability of a future mass transit corridor subject to the imposition of conditions as attached. Importantly, these conditions require Energy Australia to enter into an agreement with Transport NSW that will ensure the proposal is designed, excavated and constructed in a manner that does not impact on the future structural integrity, operations or constructability of the Metro corridor. For this reason it is

requested the attached conditions be applied to an approval of this application.

Our discussions with Energy Australia have also included the terms of conditions proposed, whom we understand are satisfied with these arrangements.

Please contact Brendon Baker or Ben Hendriks on 8202 3059, should you wish to discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely

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Warwick Proctor Director, Asset Strategy and Capital Program Management Transport Infrastructure Division

Attachment: Proposed Conditions - relating to MP10_0141

Proposed Conditions – MP10_0141

1. The owners of the site of the approved development must enter into an Agreement acceptable to Transport NSW that addresses the potential impacts of the approved development on the metro corridor, prior to the issue of a construction certificate and the commencement of any excavation below the existing ground level.

2. The owners of the site of the approved development must:

a. Allow in the design, construction and maintenance of the approved development for the future operations of metro railway tunnels in the vicinity of the approved development, especially in relation to noise, vibration, stray currents and electromagnetic fields.

b. Prior to the issue of any occupancy certificate, provide Transport NSW with drawings, reports and other information related to the design, construction and maintenance of the approved development to allow Transport NSW to fully understand the interaction between the approved development and the metro corridor.