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Dear Brent

Retail Advisory Group half-yearly report: January to June 2014

I am pleased to provide you with the attached report updating you on the activities of the Retail Advisory Group (RAG) for the period January to June 2014.

The RAG made good progress in the period January to June 2014 with the work plan agreed with the Board in October 2013, presenting reports to the Board on three projects:

- the review of options for promoting retail competition by increasing consumers' propensity to compare and switch retailers
- improving transparency around consumers' electricity charges
- the review of domestic contracting arrangements.

The RAG also started the review of competition on secondary networks and made progress on the review of barriers to group switching.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely



Peter Allport
Chair, Retail Advisory Group