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Aurizon Network – Minerva Draft Amending Access Undertaking

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Dear George,

I refer to the Minerva Draft Amending Access Undertaking (**Minerva DAAU**) submitted by Aurizon Network on 30 September 2022 and the stakeholder responses published on the Queensland Competition Authority (**QCA**) website on 15 December 2022.

It appears from the stakeholder responses there may be some confusion regarding the Minerva DAAU's effect on non-coal pricing. The graphs contained in Appendix 1 demonstrate that the Minerva DAAU has no impact on non-coal pricing and may provide clarity for stakeholders should the QCA wish to utilise them.

In regard to the Queensland Resources Council (**QRC**) comments on the proposed addition of clause 1.2(d) of Schedule E:

Subject to Aurizon Network obtaining the QCA's approval, Aurizon Network may elect to remove assets that are subject to Access Conditions from the Regulatory Asset Base in the event that such assets cease to be utilised by coal carrying Train Services.

Aurizon Network acknowledges the QRC's concern with this drafting and confirms this clause was not intended to capture user funding on mainlines or common use infrastructure. Removal of assets from the Regulatory Asset Base that are subject to Access Conditions should be limited to Customer Specific Branch Lines (and still be subject to Aurizon Network obtaining the QCA's approval as proposed).

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Dixon on lauren.dixon@aurizon.com.au

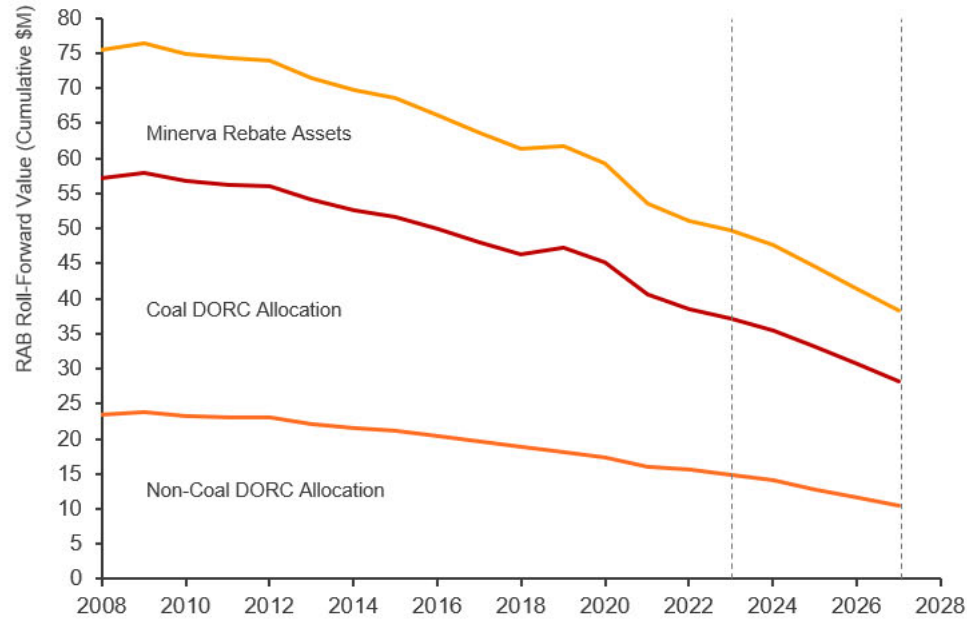
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MJBray".

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Appendix 1 - West Blackwater RAB Values

West Blackwater RAB Values without DAAU



West Blackwater RAB Values with DAAU

