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Via email: [data@treasury.gov.au](mailto:data@treasury.gov.au)

Dear Ms Breen

**Re: Consumer Data Right (Energy Sector) Designation 2020**

CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy welcome the opportunity to respond to Treasury's consultation on the exposure draft of the Consumer Data Right – energy sector designation instrument.

The consumer data right is intended to provide individuals and businesses with a right to efficiently and conveniently access specified data that relates to them held by businesses, and to authorise secure access to this data by accredited third parties. In the energy context, this includes next-day customer usage data.

For the energy sector, it is designed to give customers more control over their information so that they can make informed decisions to find and switch to the best energy deals. This may encourage greater competition between energy retailers and deliver innovative retail products that help consumers better manage their energy use or find better products.

We strongly support the designation instrument in its current form. The designation has been drafted on the understanding that any distributor-held information captured under the consumer data right is already required to be shared with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) or retailers under existing requirements. We understand that Treasury does not envisage any changes to the current data sharing arrangements between distributors and AEMO or retailers. On this basis, we consider the distributor-held information can be provided to consumers through the consumer data right framework on a timely basis to assist in making informed decisions about their energy investments.

Should you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact Amber Wilkie on (03) 9683 4124 or [awilkie@powercor.com.au](mailto:awilkie@powercor.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

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