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Safety Initiative Proposed by the CEPU

Copy of letter sent to Mr R Stobbe, CEO, SA Power Networks – Dated 19th September, 2014

Dear Mr Stobbe,

I bring your attention to the following Safety Initiative implemented by New South Wales Power Authorities.

“A review on the availability of Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s) across Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy was completed in July 2013 by Networks NSW (NNSW).”

The review recommended a structured AED deployment program that should consider certain criteria for risk assessment: type of work (i.e. working on live low voltage) the number of workers on a site, access and proximity to emergency services, time exposed to live electricity and crew members trained in administering Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AED.”

Essential Energy’s initial response to this review was:

“A trial coordinated by the Health Safety and Environmental Division was conducted in January 2014 in the Northern region of Essential Energy and involved the allocation of AED’s to 20 depots.

The trial monitored the risk criteria and take out rates of the AED’s on a daily basis as well as identifying any extra opportunities for additional AED’s that different sized depots may require on a daily and weekly basis.

Following the detailed analysis of data from the trial, a decision was made by Essential Energy to purchase 186 AEDs which are to be implemented at Depots and Corporate Offices across the entire footprint.”

The CEPU believes that SA Power Networks, as a leader in safety, must follow the lead of the NSW Power Authorities and implement a program of training and installing AEDs in all offices, depots and vehicles.





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Please advise the CEPU of SA Power Network's response to this important safety issue and the timeline of the implementation of this initiative.

This initiative would support the statement in the 2014 Annual Report that 'Safety for the Community and SA Power Networks people is the central focus for your business'.

Yours sincerely,

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