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Mr James Cox
Chief Executive Officer
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
Level 2, 44 Market Street
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Dear Mr Cox

Notice of Proposed Changes to Gas Network Prices to Apply from 1 July 2006

I write to you to provide Country Energy's submission relating to the gas network price changes proposed for 1 July 2006.

The proposed changes to gas network prices, effective 1 July 2006, for the Country Energy Gas Network assets are to apply in the Wagga Wagga Network in accordance with the Access Arrangement

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) published its final decision relating to the Wagga Wagga gas distribution network access arrangement for the period 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2010 in December 2005. Included in the access arrangement are the allowed gas network tariff price paths for the remainder of the regulatory period.

The access arrangement allows for CPI price increases in each year of the remainder of the current regulatory period. The average network price increase proposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2007 is therefore 2.7%.

The price changes for each customer class will differ, with residential customers to receive modest price increases, and commercial and industrial customers to receive price reductions.

A comprehensive communication plan is currently being developed and will be implemented to communicate the increases to all Country Energy stakeholders.

I trust that this application meets with your favourable approval. We would be pleased to meet with the Tribunal to discuss in detail our network pricing proposals.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission please contact Natalie Banicevic on (02) 6589 8419 or Jason Cooke on (02) 6338 3685.

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Murray
Managing Director

Att.1 – Price schedule 1 July 2006 – 30 June 2007
Att.2 – Tariff and Revenue summary

A2.1 Reference Tariffs

	Maximum Meter Flow Rate (m³/hr)	1/7/06- 30/6/08
VOLUME		
Residential and Small Business	10	
Annual Charge \$		157.08
\$/GJ		4.00
Commercial	30	
Annual Charge \$		354.79
\$/GJ		2.38
Industrial	150	
Annual Charge \$		1241.77
\$/GJ		2.38
CONTRACT		
\$/GJ of MDQ/year		
Bomen	N/A	81.43
Central	N/A	191.49
Fringe	N/A	427.33

A2.2 Monthly Metering Charges

Meter Type	Monthly Metering Charge \$2006/07
6GT	493.68
4GT	479.92
AL5000	517.20
AL2300	488.75
AL1000	431.65
7M175	434.63
5M175	427.03
3M175	451.47

A2.3 Additional Services

Additional Service	Charge \$2006/07
Residential Meter Testing Service	213.62
Special Meter Reading Service	36.97
Reconnection Service	43.13
Disconnection Service	36.97
Business Disconnection/Reconnection Service	87.30
After Hours Reconnection Service	102.70