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31 August 2004

Mr Andrew Stock
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Dear Andrew,

**LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL SUPERVISION CLASSIFICATION: PIPELINE
PRELIMINARY SURVEY ACTIVITIES**

I refer to your letter dated 13 August 2004, seeking the Minister's approval under Section 74 of the *Petroleum Act 2000* (the Act) for Origin Energy Retail Ltd be granted low level official supervision for pipeline preliminary survey activities, and providing notice of preliminary survey activities.

Through information provided in the application, as well as discussions at a meeting held between PIRSA and Origin Energy on 26 August 2004, it has been demonstrated to my satisfaction that Origin Energy is competent against the operator assessment factors listed in Regulation 16(2) of the Act.

Pursuant to the delegated powers dated 28 March 2002 and Gazetted 11 April 2002, I hereby classify under Section 74(4) of the Act, low level official supervision for pipeline preliminary survey activities carried out by Origin Energy Retail Ltd.

Please note that in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Act, formal approval is not required to conduct activities classified by the Minister as requiring low level supervision. However an activity notification (as per your letter dated 13 August 2004) must be given to the Minister at least 21 days before the proposed commencement of the activities.

Yours sincerely,



**BARRY A. GOLDSTEIN
DIRECTOR, PETROLEUM
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