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«Owner» «MAILING\_ADDRESS1» «MAILING\_ADDRESS2»

Dear «Owner»

MELVILLE SOUTH UNDERGROUND POWER PROJECT Property Address: «Prop\_Addr1», «Prop\_Addr2»

I am pleased to advise you that in August 2013, the State Government announced that two reserve projects in Round 5 of the State Underground Power Program would now be constructed. One of these projects, Melville South, is now being planned by Western Power to commence construction in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014.

Round 5 of the Program was developed in 2009/2010 with 89 areas applied for by 19 Councils from around Western Australia. After the Public Utilities Office assessed them all on reliability and feasibility criteria, 18 proposed project areas were identified for a survey that was conducted in August/September 2010 to establish the level of property owner support. 10 projects were selected for construction along with reserve projects if needed. The survey in Melville South resulted in 77.4% of respondents indicating they were in favour of underground power and prepared to contribute financially.

Western Power has advised that for technical reasons, it has modified the project boundary. As a result, your property is now included in the project. Your property will now receive the many benefits gained from participating in the State Underground Power Program.

An updated map of the project area is shown on the back of this letter along with contact details should you require any further information about the project.

Western Power advises the project will take approximately 15 months to complete. Updates will be provided to property owners during the design process and closer to the start of the project. It is anticipated that the average cost for each rateable property will be approximately \$4,975.00. The charges will be levied over two years with the rates notices. The first charge will be levied with the 2014/2015 rates notice. Pensioners/Seniors will be entitled to a rebate on the charges for underground power.

The City looks forward to working with Western Power to convert the Melville South area to underground power.

Yours sincerely

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**City of Melville** 

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Project Boundary

The State Underground Power Program in Melville South is a partnership between the Government of Western Australia (through the Public Utilities Office), Western Power and the City of Melville, to improve residential amenity and security of power supply.