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Dear Shareholder

CHANGES TO ORIGIN ENERGY DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Origin Energy Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRP") allows shareholders who live in Australia and New Zealand to elect to have dividends on some or all of their ordinary shares in Origin Energy to be re-invested in additional Origin Energy shares.

I am writing to let you know of some recent changes to the terms of the rules. The changes provide Origin with additional flexibility in managing the plan and remove some anomalies from the rules. The new rules will be applicable for the next dividend being the 2007 interim dividend.

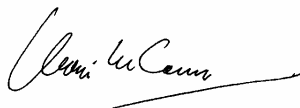
The main amendments to the plan are:

1. **To allow Origin to issue new shares or purchase shares on-market** - Origin will be able to either issue new shares to plan participants or arrange for shares to be purchased on-market and transferred to plan participants. Previously Origin could only issue new shares to participants.
2. **Amendments to Pricing Calculation** - The period over which the plan price is to be calculated will be the 10 days following the Dividend Record Date, or such other period as the Directors may decide. Previously the period was fixed at five trading days immediately preceding the Record Date.
3. **Partial Share Balances** - Where the amount of the dividend results in less than a whole share the cash balance will be rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 shares rounded down. Previously partial shares were rounded up to the nearest share.
4. **Changes to Notice Requirements:**
 - Notices and announcements relating to changes to the plan, whether any discount will apply and other matters relating to the plan will be able to be given via an ASX announcement and be posted on Origin's website or, at the Directors discretion, by notice in any other manner permitted by Origin's Constitution.
 - If the plan is amended, Participants will be deemed to continue to participate under the amended Terms and Conditions unless a plan Notice is lodged with Origin's Share Registry prior to the dividend record date.

A copy of the revised Terms and Conditions governing the plan can be obtained from Origin's Share Registry by telephoning 1300 664 446 or on Origin's website in the Investor Centre at www.originenergy.com.au.

If you wish to commence or vary your participation in the plan you can obtain the relevant form from Origin's Share Registry. Any such form should be received by Link Market Services Limited no later than the Record Date for the Interim Dividend for the half year financial period ending 31 December 2006.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McCann", written over a horizontal line.

H Kevin McCann
Chairman