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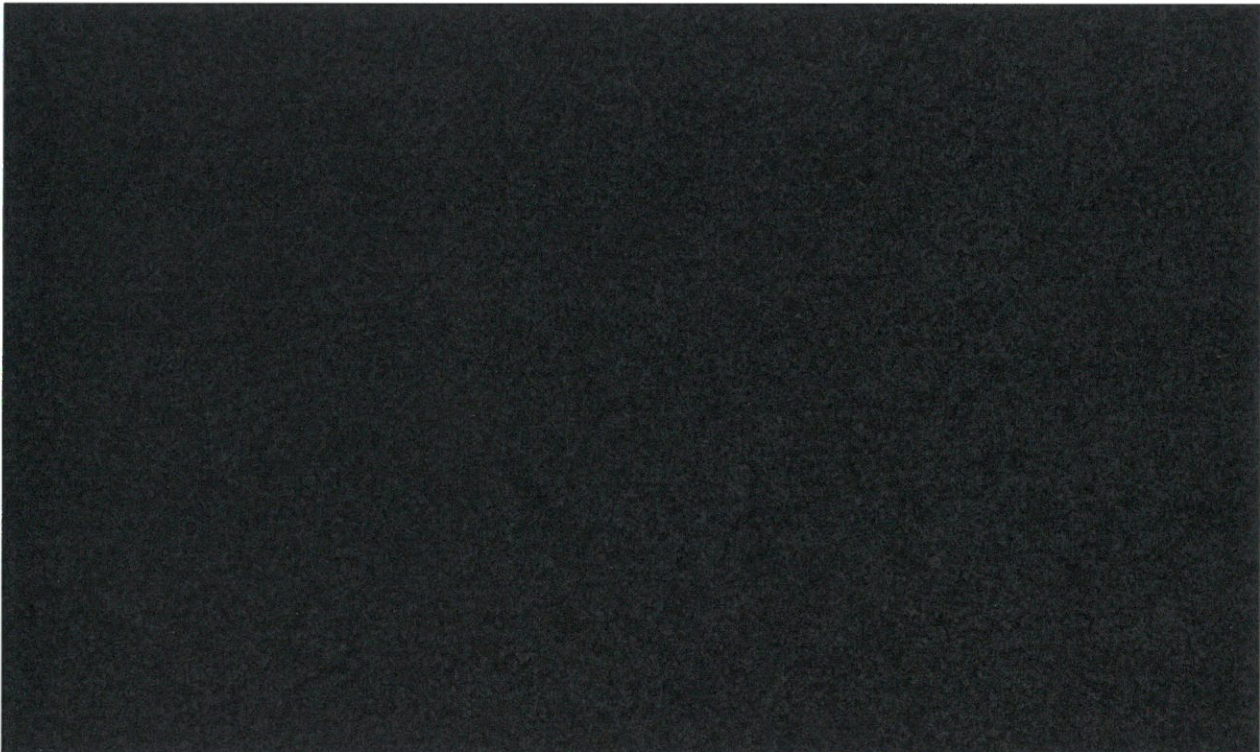
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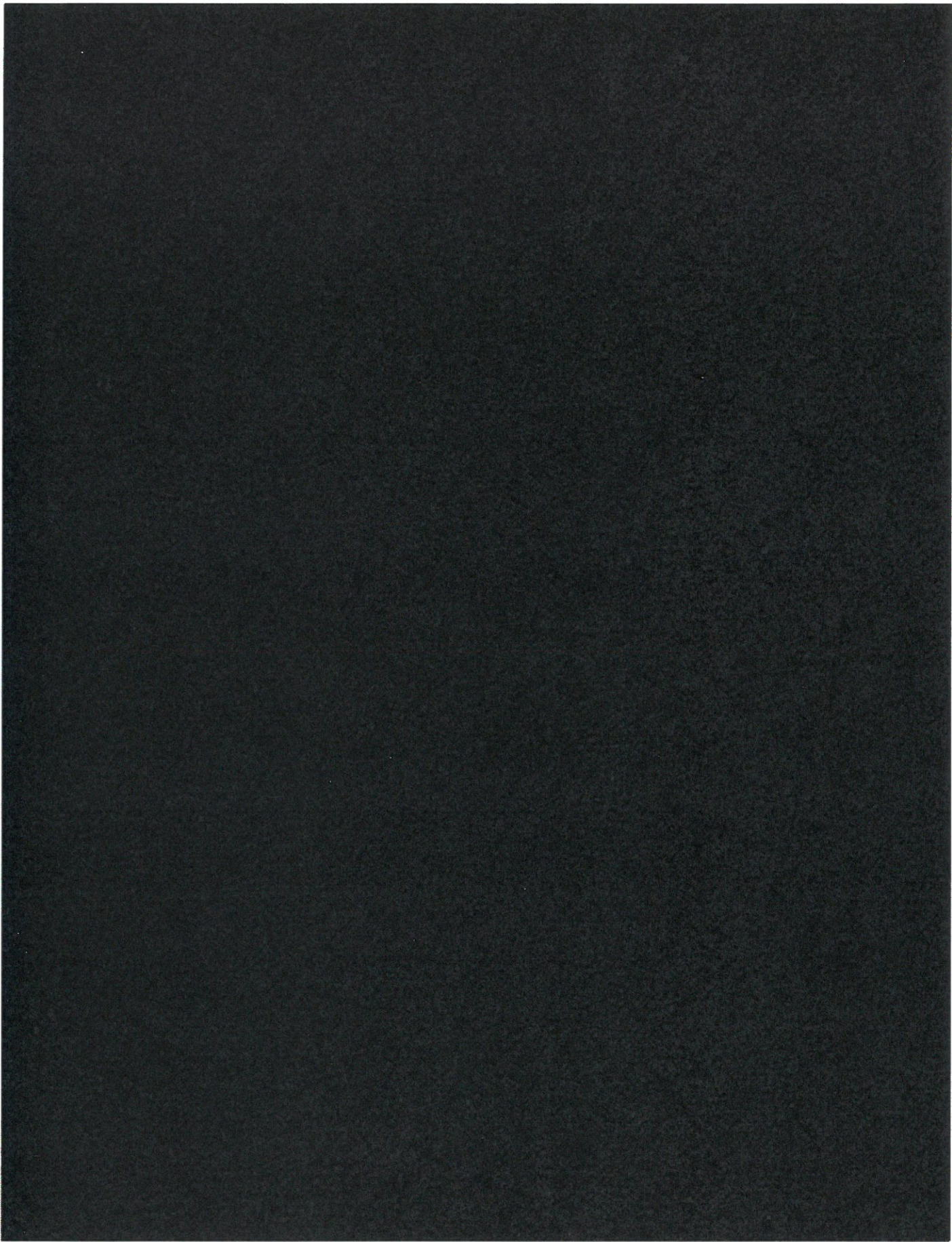
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Dear Ministers

Re: Update on AER work in the wholesale electricity market



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Once our investigations have been completed, we will publish an investigation report. Issues of non-compliance which are identified in relation to the black system event and/or subsequent events may result in the AER taking enforcement action. This can involve instituting proceedings in the Federal Court in appropriate circumstances. The AER has instituted proceedings in the Federal Court on two prior occasions with respect to the wholesale electricity market: the first in 2009 related to Stanwell Corporation and the good faith rebidding provision, and the second in 2014 in relation to Snowy Hydro failing to follow dispatch instructions issued by AEMO.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Yours sincerely



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Chair
Australian Energy Regulator