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Subject: AEMO authorisation AA1000618-1: final report, covering the period 21 April 2023 – 30 April 2023

Dear David

We refer to condition 1 of the authorisation granted by the ACCC on 14 November 2022 (**Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol in Schedule 1 of the Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's final report, covering the period 21 April 2023 – 30 April 2023 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

The risk of insufficient supply to meet demand and the risk of instability in networks have been driven by the Current Market Conditions described in the authorisation application in paragraph 1.1. This includes:

1. the Ukraine conflict, which has resulted in a reduction in availability and an increase in the price of gas and coal used for thermal electricity generators
2. the impact of high rainfall and floods in New South Wales and Queensland
3. extreme and/or unusual weather conditions
4. a significant number of planned and unplanned outages
5. the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on specialised labour and global supply chains
6. delays and deferral of some maintenance during the last two years

The following conduct that relies on the Authorisation was engaged in during the Reporting Period:

1. A meeting between AEMO, AGL, Origin, Delta, Transgrid and the Office of Energy and Climate Change (**OECC**) was held on Friday 28 April 2023 at 9am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in New South Wales, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). AEMO shared information about generator availability and loss of load probability. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance (including unplanned maintenance), the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. OECC also provided an update.
2. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet Services, AGL, Origin, EnergyAustralia and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (Victoria) (**DEECA**) was held on Friday 14 April 2023 at 10am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Victoria, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). AEMO shared information about generator availability and loss of

load probability. The participants shared any updated information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance (including unplanned maintenance), the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. DEECA also provided an update.

3. A meeting between AEMO, Stanwell, Powerlink, Genuity, Clean Co and the Department of Energy and Public Works (**DEPW**) was held on Friday 14 April 2023 at 11am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). AEMO shared information about generator availability and loss of load probability. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance (including unplanned maintenance), the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. DEPW also provided an update.

These were the last meetings AEMO held under the Authorisation before the Authorisation expired on 30 April 2023.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries in relation to this report.

Kind regards

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