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Sent: Friday, 28 January 2022 5:07 PM
To: Hatfield, David
Cc: Martin, Jaime; Pappa, Michael; Mark Stedwell; Tony Chappel
Subject: AEMO interim authorisation: January 2022 report to ACCC

Dear Mr Hatfield

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 27 October 2021 to AEMO and AEMO Industry Participants (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol in Attachment A of the Interim Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 22 December 2021 to 31 January 2022 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Interim Authorisation was entered into or made during the Reporting Period. The following decisions that rely on the Interim Authorisation were made during the Reporting Period:

- (a) One meeting of Victorian industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
 - i. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (**DEWLP**), Energy Australia, Origin, Basslink and Snowy Hydro was held on Friday 21 January 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Victoria, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance due to COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the potential impact of rising COVID-19 case numbers on sourcing labour and/or parts (including mitigation strategies such as split teams and rapid antigen testing for the workforce) and the Victorian Government's definition of a close contact. The participants also discussed planned transmission outages.
 - ii. The next proposed date for a meeting of Victorian industry participants is Friday 4 February 2022.
- (b) One meeting of Queensland industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
 - i. A meeting between AEMO, APA, CleanCo, Department of Energy and Public Works (**DEPW**), Intergen, Origin and Powerlink was held on Friday 21 January 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance due to COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the potential impact of rising COVID-19 case numbers on sourcing labour and/or parts (including mitigation strategies such as split teams and rapid antigen testing for the workforce) and the Queensland Government's approach to securing further rapid antigen tests for essential workers. The participants also discussed planned transmission outages.
 - ii. The next proposed date for a meeting of Queensland industry participants is Friday 4 February 2022.

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

Kind regards

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