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**Sent:** Friday, 1 May 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** McCracken-Hewson, Daniel  
**Cc:** Brett Hausler; Drake, Michael; Janissen, Robert; Healy, Rosannah; Hender, Kathryn  
**Subject:** AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 17 April 2020 - report for period 20 – 26 April 2020

Dear Daniel

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 17 April 2020 (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol agreed with the ACCC on 8 April 2020.

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 20 to 26 April 2020 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

**1. Material contracts, arrangements, understandings that rely on the Interim Authorisation**

No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Interim Authorisation was entered into or made during the Reporting Period.

A meeting of AEMO representatives and industry executives was held on Tuesday 21 April 2020. At the meeting, AEMO provided an overview of the Interim Authorisation to participants on the call, including the additional activities covered by the Interim Authorisation, the activities not covered by the Interim Authorisation and the conditions of authorisation.

In addition, two material matters discussed at the meeting which relate to the Proposed Conduct were:

- The potential sharing of information to coordinate generator outages for scheduled repairs and maintenance during the pandemic for the purpose of minimising the risk of any energy outages. The discussion focused on current and potential issues for generators in conducting planned maintenance due to COVID-19 and the most appropriate means to share information about planned outages for the purposes of ensuring ongoing energy supplies. No detailed information in relation to maintenance outage plans was shared at this stage.
- Demand forecasting for the purpose of ensuring system stability during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the reliable operation of Australia's energy systems and minimise the risk of any energy outages. AEMO provided a range of possible future demand scenarios to attendees based on a range of economic forecasts and sought input from attendees. No information about specific customer demand was discussed.

The attendees invited to the meeting included representatives from AEMO, AEMC, AGL, Alinta Energy, Ausgrid, AusNet Services, the Australian Energy Council, CS Energy, Electranet, EnergyAustralia, Energy Networks Australia, Hydro Tasmania, Origin Energy, Powercor, Powerlink, Reach Solar Energy, Snowy Hydro, Stanwell, Synergy, Tas Networks, Transgrid and Western Power.

**2. Update to the Energy Coordination Mechanism**

The Energy Coordination Mechanism (**ECM**) met on 22 April 2020. Due to the other business discussed, AEMO did not provide an update. AEMO notes that the next ECM meeting will be held on 6 May.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Rosannah Healy of Allens with any queries in relation to this report.

Kind regards

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