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To: David Hatfield <david.hatfield@acc.gov.au>
Cc: Tony Snell [REDACTED]; Mark Stedwell [REDACTED]
Subject: AEMO authorisation AA1000643 for the period 1 March – 31 March 2024

Dear David

We refer to condition 1 of the final authorisation granted by the ACCC on 30 November 2023 (**Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol set out in Schedule 1 of the Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 1 March – 31 March 2024.

This report can be published on the public register.

The risk of insufficient supply to meet demand and the risk of instability in networks has been driven by the challenges described in the authorisation application in sections 1.1 and 6.1. This includes:

1. increasing reliance on a smaller number of significant baseload generators, as a result of recent and forthcoming retirements of coal-fired generation
2. an aging fleet of remaining coal-fired generators that require more frequent and extended repairs and maintenance
3. long lead times for planning System Works as a result of global supply chain issues relating to parts and equipment and ongoing labour shortages
4. replacement of renewable generation and firming capacity has not yet been developed to the extent that it can fully replace retired capacity
5. connecting new renewable energy generators requires extensive transmission outages
6. other significant transmission projects being implemented also require outages
7. increase of incidents of extreme and/or unusual weather conditions has led to increasing demand for electricity and reduced renewable energy output

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

1. A meeting between AEMO, AGL, CleanCo Queensland, CS Energy, Delta Electricity, Energy Australia, ENGIE Australia, Genuity, Neoen Australia, Origin, Powerlink Queensland, Snowy

Hydro, Synergen Power, Tilt Renewables, TransGrid, the Office of Energy and Climate Change (**OECC**), the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (**DEECA**), the Department of Energy and Public Works (**DEPW**) and the Department for Energy and Mining (**DEM**) was held on Friday, 1 March 2024 at 11am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to System Works in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, and the resources required. AEMO shared information about generator availability and loss of load probability. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed System Works (including unplanned maintenance), the resources required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. The OECC, DECCA, DEPW and DEM also provided updates.

2. A meeting between AEMO, AGL, CleanCo Queensland, Delta Electricity, Energy Australia, ENGIE Australia, Genuity, Iberdrola Australia, Origin, Powerlink Queensland, Tilt Renewables, TransGrid, the Office of Energy and Climate Change (**OECC**), the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (**DEECA**), the Department of Energy and Public Works (**DEPW**) and the Department for Energy and Mining (**DEM**) was held on Friday, 15 March 2024 at 11am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to System Works in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, and the resources required. AEMO shared information about generator availability and loss of load probability. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed System Works (including unplanned maintenance), the resources required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. The OECC, DECCA, DEPW and DEM also provided updates.

No meeting was held on Friday, 29 March 2024.

AEMO intends to hold meetings on 12 and 26 April 2024 under the Authorisation at 11am between electricity generators and transmission companies in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia. Details of the attendees and agenda will be provided to the ACCC separately. If AEMO intends to hold additional meetings under the Authorisations during the reporting period, we will separately update the ACCC about these meetings as required under the Authorisation.

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

Kind regards

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