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I have read the submissions to this Inquiry, and, subject to my possible oversight, noticed that none emphasize the importance of reliability for continuous power to meet demand peaks.

In addition to normal reliability requirements it is also necessary to consider the robustness of the grid system to be able to cope with the occasional disaster in one area, but ensuring power continues as normal to other areas.

These requirements might be said to be “go without saying”. However, it is appreciated that such security of reliability comes at a cost. In addition it requires your recommendations for the security of adequate baseload/dispatchable power which involves the co-operation of the state governments.

It is clear that there are many areas of the system and the behaviours of the parties involved in the supply of electricity, where cost and profit cutting can be achieved. However, whatever is done should not be at the expense of reliability.

Nor should your recommendations shirk the need for state government co-operation in the central management of the whole system.

Apologies for this late submission – for which the relatively weak excuse is being overseas for some of the time.

However, I would hope that this does not mean my suggestions are not considered.

Regards,

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