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Australian Energy Market Operator Limited application for re-authorisation AA1000445 – interested party consultation

Alinta Sales Pty Ltd (**Alinta Energy**) is the incumbent gas retailer in Western Australia (**WA**) and is a registered participant in the WA gas retail market operated by the Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**).

AEMO's role is to administer the business processes between the gas market participants that enable retailers to cost effectively compete for the supply of gas to over 770,000 customer connection points. The interaction between gas market participants is governed by the *Retail Market Procedures (WA)* (**Procedures**).

Alinta Energy supports AEMO applying for re-authorisation of current Authorisations A91136, A91137, A91138, A91170 and A91171, required due to their forthcoming expiry on 17 September 2019. The Authorisations enable AEMO to operate Chapters 5 and 6 of the Procedures, which are essential to the operation of the WA retail gas market.

Alinta Energy considers re-authorisation will have no likely negative effect on market competition and that the public benefits offered by the current gas retail market arrangements are proven and outweigh any potential detriments that may arise from re-authorisation.

If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact me on 9486 3191 or catherine.rousch@alintaenergy.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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