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Dear Ms Zambotti

Australian Energy Market Operator Limited application for re-authorisation AA1000445—draft determination and interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) on 13 June 2019.

For the reasons set out in the draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant re-authorisation for 10 years to enable AEMO to operate Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 of version 6 of the Retail Market Procedures (RMP) and the associated deeds. The RMP and associated deeds are the rules under which the gas retail market systems are operated in Western Australia.

The ACCC has also decided to grant interim authorisation for AEMO to continue to operate Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 of the RMP and the associated deeds while the ACCC is considering the substantive application.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons for granting interim authorisation is attached and also available on the ACCC's [public register](#).

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **20 September 2019**.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **20 September 2019**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

13 June 2019	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
25 June 2019	Public consultation process begins.
15 July 2019	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on interim authorisation and the substantive application.
29 July 2019	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
29 August 2019	Draft determination and interim authorisation decision.
September/October 2019	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October 2019	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely



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