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Dear Interested Party

Australian Energy Market Operator Limited – Application for authorisation AA1000643 – AEMO’s response to the ACCC’s draft determination

On 12 October 2023, the ACCC issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**). For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposed to deny authorisation.

On 15 November 2023, AEMO provided a submission in response to the ACCC’s draft determination. As well as making a number of further submissions in support of its application, AEMO has sought an amendment to the term of authorisation sought – as a result, AEMO now seeks authorisation for a period of 18 months (instead of until 30 June 2026 as originally sought).

A copy of AEMO’s submission is attached. The submission, as well as the ACCC’s draft determination are also available on the ACCC’s [authorisations public register](#)

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an opportunity to provide any additional submissions in response to AEMO’s submission - in particular on the variation to the length of authorisation sought by AEMO.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission, please do so by no later than **Tuesday, 21 November 2023**. Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the [public register](#) for this matter.

Given that the ACCC has a statutory deadline by which it must make its determination, the ACCC can only consider any submissions it receives by this date.

The ACCC will then release a final determination in relation to this application in early-December 2023.

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](#).

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 Penny Bigham on 07 3051 1221 or exemptions@accg.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hatfield', is positioned above the typed name.

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