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Vishal Ahuja  
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Ahuja

**Authorisation AA1000454 – North West Power System (NWPS) – amendments to dispatch protocol**

I refer to your letter of 30 November 2021 in relation to the above listed authorisation.

On 11 March 2020, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) granted re-authorisation for participants in the NWPS to agree to rules relating to the coordination of electricity dispatch schedules at electricity generators in the NWPS. Authorisation was granted subject to a condition that:

The Applicants must notify the ACCC in writing of any amendment to the Dispatch Protocol and Schedules 1 (clause 11), 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the Dispatch Protocol, within 10 business days of the amendment being made

Your letter, and attachments, provided details of amendments to the Dispatch Protocol and Schedules that the Applicants were proposing to make.

As advised by email on 20 December 2022, the ACCC has reviewed the proposed amendments and does not have any concerns at this time.

Please note that if at any time circumstances change, or the ACCC receives further information raising concerns about the amendments, the ACCC may reconsider its position about the amendments including, potentially, initiating a review of the authorisation.

I have also considered your request that the confidential version of Dispatch Protocol and Schedules be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the confidential version of the Dispatch Protocol and Schedules provided to the ACCC on 30 November will not be placed on the public register.

The versions of the Dispatch Protocol and Schedules, and cover letter, provided on 20 December 2021 will be placed on the public register in the form provided to the ACCC.

This letter will also be placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gavin Jones on 03 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Deano', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sharon Deano  
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