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Dear Interested Party

Australian Energy Market Operator application for authorisation AA1000484— draft determination and interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**) on 30 March 2020.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, subject to conditions, until 31 March 2021. The ACCC has also revoked the interim authorisation that was granted on 17 April 2020 and issued a new interim authorisation.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination (which includes the new 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'

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **14 August 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'AEMO authorisation - AA1000484 - submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including a record of oral submissions, will be placed on the [ACCC's public register](#) subject to any request for exclusion (see the [ACCC guidelines](#) for more information).

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), 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.

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be

open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and 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 close of business on **Friday 14 August 2020** by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au.

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.

30 March 2020	Lodgement of application, including request for interim authorisation
3 April 2020	Interim authorisation decision
17 April 2020	3 April 2020 interim authorisation revoked, new interim authorisation decision issued
22 April 2020	Public consultation process begins
24 July 2020	17 April 2020 interim authorisation revoked, new interim authorisation decision and draft determination issued
July/August 2020	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September 2020	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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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