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Tony Snell Thursday, 14 May 2020 6:17 PM Adjudication Camilleri, Lyn; Ross, Nicole; Sood, Rajat; Drake, Michael; Janissen, Robert; Brett Hausler; Healy, Rosannah; Hender, Kathryn AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 17 April 2020 - report for period 4 – 10 May 2020

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 17 April 2020 (Interim Authorisation) and the replacement reporting protocol dated 8 May 2020.

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 4 – 10 May 2020 (Reporting Period).

This report can be published on the public register.

1. Material contracts, arrangements, understandings or decisions that rely on the Interim Authorisation No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Interim Authorisation was entered into during the Reporting Period.

The regular meeting of AEMO representatives and industry executives convened by the AEMO CEO did not occur during the Reporting Period. The meeting scheduled to occur on Tuesday 5 May 2020 was cancelled. The next meeting is expected to be held on Tuesday 19 May 2020.

A decision that relies on the Interim Authorisation was made during the Reporting Period. A meeting between AEMO, CleanCo, CS Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Queensland), Intergen, Millmerran, Powerlink and Stanwell (together, **Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 8 May. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any concerns held by the Meeting Participants in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The Meeting Participants discussed what information relating to essential inputs for essential maintenance should be shared and the potential for sharing resources for the purpose of ensuring ongoing energy supply during the pandemic. It is intended that Meeting Participants and AEMO will compile and discuss information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and the specialist resources that are required to complete the maintenance. For completeness, another meeting with the Meeting Participants is expected to be held on Friday 15 May.

Finally, AEMO notes that a weekly industry update on AEMO's operational response to COVID-19 occurred on Thursday 7 May. AEMO reported on the impact of COVID-19 on demand and supply (at an aggregate level) over the longer term and provided a forecast for potential demand during the next week based on a number of factors, including the weather and likely impact of COVID-19.

## 2. Update to the Energy Coordination Mechanism

The Energy Coordination Mechanism (**ECM**) met on 6 May 2020. AEMO provided an update on supply and demand forecasting and the potential long-term impact of COVID-19 on the energy sector.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries in relation to this report.

Kind regards

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AEMO has adopted digital and remote ways of working to protect our people and critical operations. Please be aware that most meetings will now be conducted digitally, preferably using WebEx, to minimise physical contact and allow business to continue. Given the dramatic increase in load on our systems, please bear with us while we work through any technical issues that may result.