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Subject: AEMO authorisation: May 2022 report to ACCC
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Dear Mr Hatfield

We refer to condition 1 of the authorisation granted by the ACCC on 23 February 2022 (**Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol in Attachment A of the Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 1 May 2022 to 31 May 2022 (**Reporting Period**). This report can be published on the public register.

No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Authorisation was entered into or made during the Reporting Period.

The following decisions that rely on the Authorisation were made during the Reporting Period:

- (a) Two meetings of Victorian industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
- i. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet Services, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (**DELWP**), Energy Australia, Origin, Basslink and Snowy Hydro was held on Friday 13 May 2022 (as observed by a representative of the ACCC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Victoria, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance due to COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their maintenance workforce, including the number of employees who had tested positive and whether this was likely to have an effect on any planned or unplanned outages. Finally, AEMO discussed the current supply/demand forecasts for energy and emphasised the importance for participants to mitigate maintenance delays caused by COVID-19 and to seek assistance from AEMO or DELWP if required; and
 - ii. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet Services, DELWP, Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 27 May 2022 (as observed by a representative of the ACCC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Victoria, and the resources required, in light of COVID 19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance due to COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their maintenance workforce, including the number of employees who had tested positive and whether this was likely to have an effect on any planned or unplanned outages. The participants also discussed the likelihood of employees contracting the flu, and the potential for this to compound resourcing problems created by COVID-19.

The next meetings of Victorian industry participants are scheduled for Friday 10 June 2022 and Friday 24 June 2022.

- b. Two meetings of Queensland industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
- i. A meeting between AEMO, CleanCo, Department of Energy and Public Works (**DEPW**), Origin, Powerlink, Intergen and CS Energy was held on Friday 13 May 2022 (as observed by a representative of the ACCC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The participants discussed how current maintenance and outages were progressing, the impact of planned maintenance being delayed, extended or moved due to COVID-19 related issues and the processes for carrying out work in light of COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their maintenance workforce, including the number of employees who had tested positive and mitigation strategies they have adopted to reduce potential impacts (such as rapid antigen testing). The participants also discussed logistics in relation to overseas labour and parts in light of COVID-19. Finally, AEMO discussed the current supply/demand forecasts for energy and emphasised the importance for participants to mitigate maintenance delays caused by COVID-19 and to seek assistance from AEMO or DEPW if required; and

- ii. A meeting between AEMO, CleanCo, DEPW, Origin, Intergen, Powerlink and CS Energy was held on Friday 27 May 2022 (as observed by a representative of the ACCC). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance due to COVID-19. In particular, the participants discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their maintenance workforce, including the number of employees who had tested positive and whether this was likely to have an effect on any planned or unplanned outages. The participants also discussed the likelihood of employees contracting the flu, and the potential for this to compound resourcing problems created by COVID-19.

The next meetings of Queensland industry participants are scheduled for Friday 10 June 2022 and Friday 24 June 2022.

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

Kind regards

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