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Subject: AEMO interim authorisation: November 2021 report to ACCC

Dear Mr Hatfield

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 27 October 2021 (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol in Attachment A of the Interim Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 1 November 2021 to 30 November 2021 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Interim Authorisation was entered into or made during the Reporting Period. The following decisions that rely on the Interim 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, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (**DEWLP**), Energy Australia, Origin and Snowy Hydro was held on Friday 12 November 2021. 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 (such as additional time being required to complete work or issues sourcing labour and/or parts, in particular due to border closures and quarantine requirements). The participants also discussed: their plans to maintain COVID-safe worksites, international and inter-State border crossing restrictions, and quarantine requirements. The participants also discussed planned AusNet Services transmission outages.
 - ii. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet, Basslink, DELWP, Energy Australia, Origin and Snowy Hydro was held on Friday 26 November 2021. 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 (such as additional time being required to complete work or issues sourcing labour and/or parts, in particular due to border closures and quarantine requirements). The participants also discussed: their plans to maintain COVID-safe worksites, and inter-State border crossing restrictions. The participants also discussed planned AusNet Services and Basslink transmission outages.
 - iii. The next meeting of Victorian Industry Participants is scheduled for Friday 10 December 2021.

- (b) Two meetings of Queensland Industry Participants occurred during the Reporting Period:

- i. A meeting between AEMO, APA, CleanCo, CS Energy, Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW), Intergen, Origin and Powerlink was held on Friday 12 November 2021. 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. The participants also discussed inter-State border crossing restrictions, quarantine requirements and close contact isolation requirements, and the impact these factors can have on maintenance. The participants also discussed the increased risk of COVID cases in Queensland with the border reopening and the steps they were taking to ensure worksites remain COVID-safe.
- ii. A meeting between AEMO, APA, CleanCo, CS Energy, DEPW, Origin and Powerlink was held on Friday 26 November 2021. 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. The participants also discussed inter-State border crossing restrictions, quarantine requirements and close contact isolation requirements, and the impact these factors can have on maintenance. The participants also discussed the increased risk of COVID cases in Queensland with the border reopening and the steps they were taking to ensure worksites remain COVID-safe.
- iii. The next meeting of Queensland Industry Participants is scheduled for Friday 10 December 2021.

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

Kind regards

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