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Subject: AEMO authorisation AA1000618-1: report for the period 29 July to 11 August 2022

Dear David

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 1 July 2022 (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol in Schedule 1 of the Interim Authorisation. Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 29 July – 11 August 2022 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

The risk of insufficient supply to meet demand and the risk of instability in networks have been driven by the Current Market Conditions described in the Authorisation in paragraph 1.1. This includes:

- the Ukraine conflict, which has resulted in a reduction in availability and an increase in the price of gas and coal used for thermal electricity generators
- the impact of high rainfall and floods in New South Wales and Queensland
- extreme and/or unusual weather conditions
- a significant number of planned and unplanned outages
- the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on specialised labour and global supply chains
- delays and deferral of some maintenance during the last two years

The following conduct that relies on the Authorisation was engaged in during the Reporting Period:

- a. A meeting between AEMO, NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change, Origin, Delta Electricity, AGL and TransGrid was held on Friday 5 August at 9am (as observed by a number of ACCC representatives). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in New South Wales, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. AEMO also noted that if participants considered they may experience energy limitations or risks to energy limitations that they raise this with AEMO.
- b. A meeting between AEMO, AusNet Services, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Victoria), Energy Australia, Basslink, Origin, Alinta and AGL was held on Friday 5 August at 10am (as observed by a number of ACCC representatives). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Victoria, and the resources

required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. AEMO also noted that if participants considered they may experience energy limitations or risks to energy limitations that they raise this with AEMO.

- c. A meeting between AEMO, Department of Energy and Public Works (Queensland), APA, CleanCo, Intergen and Origin was held on Friday 5 August at 11am (as observed by a number of ACCC representatives). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions (including COVID-19). The participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance, the skills required and any potential disruptions to planned maintenance. In particular, the participants discussed the number of employees within their maintenance workforces who are testing positive to COVID-19. The participants also discussed the sharing of information related to energy limitations and risks to energy limitations.
- d. A meeting between AEMO, NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Victoria), Department for Energy and Mining (SA), Tasmanian government representatives, Esso, Lochard, Beach Energy, Cooper Energy, SEA Gas, Epic Energy, Santos, Jemena, APA was held on Wednesday 10 August at 1pm (as observed by a number of ACCC representatives). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forecasted gas supply and demand and any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages on the east coast, and the resources required, in light of the Current Market Conditions. The participants agreed to meet on a quarterly basis for the duration of the Interim Authorisation.

AEMO intends to hold meetings under the Interim Authorisation on Friday 19 August at 9am, 10am and 11am between electricity generators and transmission companies in NSW, Victoria and Queensland (respectively). Details of the attendees and agenda will be provided to the ACCC separately. If AEMO intends to hold additional meetings under the Interim Authorisation during the next reporting period, we will separately update the ACCC about these meetings as required under the Interim Authorisation.

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

Kind regards

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