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Subject: AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 17 April 2020: report for period 13 -19 July 2020

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

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 13 - 19 July 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.

AEMO notes that the fortnightly industry update on AEMO's operational response to COVID-19 occurred on Thursday 16 July. AEMO reported on the impact of COVID-19 on system operations and provided forecasts for potential demands during the week based on a number of factors, including weather and likely impact of COVID-19 and associated border restrictions. AEMO also provided an update on recent system events and the planned Ausnet tower restoration.

A meeting between AEMO and AGL, Alinta, AusNet, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Energy Australia, Origin, Snowy Hydro (**Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 17 July. The Meeting Participants discussed the scope of the interim authorisation and briefly mentioned their current experience in managing planned outages during the COVID-19 pandemic, including availability of labour given the various restrictions on movement in Victoria. The Meeting Participants agreed to meet again on Friday 24 July 2020.

2. Update to the Energy Coordination Mechanism

The Energy Coordination Mechanism met on Wednesday 15 July 2020. AEMO provided an update on the interim authorisation.

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

Kind regards

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