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Subject: AEMO Authorisation dated 17 September 2020: report for period 1 February – 28 February 2021
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We refer to condition 1 of the authorisation granted by the ACCC on 17 September 2020 (**Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol contained in Attachment A of the Authorisation.

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 1 February – 28 February 2021 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

1. **Material contracts, arrangements, understandings or decisions that rely on the Authorisation**

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

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

- a. Two meetings of Queensland industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period, as follows:
 - i. A meeting between AEMO, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Queensland) (**DNRME**), Intergen, Origin, Powerlink and Stanwell was held on Friday 5 February 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 current and proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The participants also discussed the impact of border restrictions and quarantine requirements.
 - ii. A meeting between AEMO, DNRME, Intergen, Origin and Powerlink was held on Friday 19 February 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 current and proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The participants also discussed the impact of current border restrictions and quarantine requirements, particularly in relation to equipment and specialists required from overseas for outages in March and April.

(The next meeting of Queensland industry participants is scheduled for Friday 5 March 2021.)

- b. Two meetings of Victorian industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period as follows:
 - i. A meeting between AEMO, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (**DELWP**), AusNet, Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 12 February 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 and particularly the State-wide lock-down that was likely to be announced shortly. It was noted that there were a number of significant transmission outages over the next few months. The participants shared information relating to the timing of current and proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The participants also discussed the impact of border restrictions and quarantine requirements.
 - ii. A meeting between AEMO, DELWP, AusNet, Basslink, Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 26 February 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 current and proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. DELWP reported on the vaccine roll-out.

(The next meeting of Victorian industry participants is scheduled for Friday 12 March 2021.)

2. **Update to the Energy Coordination Mechanism**

The Energy Coordination Mechanism did not meet during the Reporting Period.

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

Kind regards

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