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Subject: AEMO Authorisation dated 17 September 2020: report for period 1 November – 30 November 2020

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 November – 30 November 2020 (**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) The following meetings of Victorian industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
- i. A meeting between representatives of AEMO, AGL, AusNet, Basslink, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (**DEWLP**), Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 6 November 2020. 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, including the upcoming outages of the 500kV transmission lines to South Australia.
 - ii. A meeting between representatives of AEMO, Alinta, AusNet, Basslink, DEWLP, Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 13 November 2020. A representative of the ACCC attended as an observer. 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, including the upcoming outages of the 500kV transmission lines to South Australia.
 - iii. A meeting between representatives of AEMO, AusNet, Basslink, DEWLP, Energy Australia and Origin was held on Friday 27 November 2020. 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, including the upcoming outages of the 500kV transmission lines to South Australia.
- b) The following meetings of Queensland industry participants occurred during the Reporting Period:
- i. A meeting between representatives of AEMO, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Queensland) (**DNRME**), Origin, Powerlink, InterGen and Stanwell was held on Friday 13 November. A representative of the ACCC attended as an observer. 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.
 - ii. A meeting between representatives of AEMO, DNRME, CleanCo, CS Energy, InterGen, Origin and Millmerran Power was held on Friday 27 November. 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.

- c) A meeting of South Australian industry participants was held on Friday 20 November. Representatives of the following organisations attended: AEMO, AGL, Department for Energy and Mining (South Australia), ElectraNet, Engie, Infigin, Neoen, Origin, Synergen and Tesla. A representative of the ACCC attended as an observer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in South Australia, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19 and the lock-down recently announced by the South Australian Government. The participants shared information relating to the timing of current and proposed maintenance.

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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