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Subject: AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 24 July 2020: report for period 10 - 16 August 2020

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 24 July 2020 (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol contained in Attachment B of the draft determination and interim authorisation.

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 10 – 16 August 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 13 August. AEMO reported on the impact of COVID-19 on system operations, including noting its work under the authorisation to coordinate generators' maintenance activities in Queensland and Victoria. AEMO also 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.

One decision that relies on the Interim Authorisation was made during the Reporting Period:

A meeting between AEMO, AGL, Alinta, AusNet, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Energy Australia, Origin, Snowy Hydro and Basslink (**Victoria Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 14 August. 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 Victoria Meeting 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 Victoria Meeting Participants also discussed planned AusNet and Basslink transmission outages. The next meeting of Victorian generators is scheduled for Friday 21 August 2020.

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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