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Cc: Camilleri, Lyn; Ross, Nicole; Sood, Rajat; Drake, Michael; Janissen, Robert; Brett Hausler; Mark Stedwell; Healy, Rosannah; Archer, Luke
Subject: AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 24 July 2020: report for period 27 July - 2 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 27 July – 2 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 30 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.

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 and Origin (**Victoria Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 31 July. 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 discussed the scope of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 24 July 2020. 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). The Victoria Meeting Participants also discussed planned AusNet line outages, and the timing of works limiting flow from SA to Vic. The next meeting of Victorian generators is scheduled for Friday 7 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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