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Subject: AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 24 July 2020: report for period 31 August - 6 September 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 31 August – 6 September 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.

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

- a) A meeting between AEMO, AGL, Alinta and Energy Australia was held on Monday 31 August to discuss the practical impacts of COVID-19 on occupational health and safety work practices at several Latrobe Valley generation sites. The meeting participants discussed the safety implications of COVID-19 related restrictions as well as other practical implications on worksites such as additional cleaning requirements; managing the volume, segregation and temperature testing of workers; permit management; and contact tracing. Information shared in this meeting was also shared with other participants at the regularly scheduled Friday meeting (see item 1(b) below).
- b) A meeting between AEMO, AGL, Alinta, AusNet, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Energy Australia, Origin and Basslink (**Victoria Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 4 September. The ACCC attended the meeting 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 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 shared information discussed in the meeting between AEMO and three generators regarding the impact of COVID-19 on occupational health and safety work practices (see item 1(a) above). The Victoria Meeting Participants also discussed planned AusNet Services, Basslink and Murraylink transmission outages. The next meeting of Victoria Meeting Participants is scheduled for Friday 11 September 2020.
- c) A meeting between AEMO, CS Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Queensland) (**DNRME**), Powerlink, Intergen, Stanwell, Origin and APA (together, **Queensland Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 4 September. The ACCC attended the meeting 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 Queensland Meeting Participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The Queensland Meeting Participants discussed how current maintenance and outages were progressing, the impact of planned maintenance being delayed, extended or moved due to COVID-19 related issues and the processes for carrying out work in light of COVID-19. The Queensland Meeting Participants also discussed the process for critical energy sector employees to apply for specialist worker exemptions for employees travelling from declared COVID-19 hotspots. The next meeting of Queensland Meeting Participants is scheduled for Friday 18 September 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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