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Dear Mr Hindsberger

## **RE: CONGESTION INFORMATION RESOURCE GUIDELINES**

GDF SUEZ Australian Energy (GDFSAE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) consultation into the Congestion Information Resource Guidelines (CIR Guidelines).

GDFSAE believes that the CIR Guidelines provide a useful overview of the range of National Electricity Market (NEM) congestion information contained on the AEMO web pages, and believes that it should be maintained.

GDFSAE has considered AEMO's question as to what information is no longer required by stakeholders. GDFSAE suggests that there is likely to be a range of information needs across the various NEM stakeholders, and it would therefore be difficult for any one participant to identify any item that is not required. If there are particular information items that are especially difficult or costly for AEMO to provide, then it may be worth AEMO flagging these particular items to ascertain whether any participants would object to it being deleted.

In consideration of additional items of information, GDFSAE notes that the following request lodged in 2012 and 2013 is still pending:

Provide in a user-friendly form in the CIR:

- Currently invoked constraint equation results.
- Constraint equations binding now and in pre-dispatch period.
- Identification of generators/interconnectors impacted by each binding constraint equation.
- Identification of which constraint equations are the limiting factors on interconnector flows.

The consultation document does not indicate whether this item is still under consideration by AEMO, and if so, what the likely timeframe would be for implementation. GDFSAE would appreciate this being updated.

Finally, GDFSAE agrees with the proposal by AEMO to remove the requirement to undertake an annual consultation on the guidelines, and that a three year review (or "as needed") would be appropriate.

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GDFSAE trusts that the comments provided in this response are of assistance to AEMO in its deliberations. Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on, telephone, 03 9617 8331.

Yours sincerely,

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