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Response to Western Victoria Renewable Integration - Project Assessment Draft Report

We are writing to AEMO in response to the PADR released in December 2018.

European Energy A/S ('EE') is an international wind and solar project developer based in Copenhagen, Denmark. Over the life of the company, EE has realized 320MW of solar projects and 800MW of wind projects in 10 different countries. In 2018, EE began investigating the Australian renewables market and identified a project in early development stage, located in North-Western Victoria (along the Kerang-Wemen 220 kV line).

A major concern of ours when investigating the project was the risk of capacity limitations and curtailment along Kerang-Wemen transmission line. The forecasted curtailment to the project, which took into account both existing and other proposed projects seeking to utilize this line, was too great when weighed against the other components of the Project's business case.

However, the Project's outlook vastly improved when AEMO's Western Victorian Renewable Integration plan was brought to our attention. Specifically, a number of the options outlined in the Integrated Systems Plan released in mid-2018 eased our concerns regarding the impact of curtailment on the projects energy export.

We welcome this opportunity from AEMO to express our support of the Western Victorian RIT-T and the 'Preferred Option' proposed in the PADR. It is our intention to continue to develop the Project during 2019, and the decision from AEMO to implement the suggested upgrades will determine whether the Project is seen through to completion. We strongly believe that such development will not only secure European Energy's investment in the Australian renewables sector, but other international firms as well.

We also wish to take this opportunity to express our support of the 'Preferred Option' under the South Australian Energy Transformation RIT-T. While we acknowledge that this is a separate investigation, the 330kV interconnector between mid-north South Australia and Wagga Wagga in New South Wales will also contribute to easing the congestion in Western Victoria.

We look forward to learning of the outcome of the RIT-T process in mid-2019.

Regards
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