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AEMO Stakeholder Relations

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Dear AEMO Stakeholder Relations Team

### **Renewing AEMO's Engagement Model – Options Paper**

CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy appreciate the opportunity to comment on the options paper published by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) relating to “Renewing AEMO’s Engagement Model”.

We support the Option 3 to “uplift and realign with co—chaired strategic oversight” together with membership options for strategic committees being selected via industry associations (“selection option 3”). We believe this model will have the benefit of, or lead to:

- ensuring the strategic direction at the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) level is aligned with, and supported by, the executive panels and working levels;
- instigating a full root-and-branch review of each working group/forum so that their relevance in the new structure can be clearly defined. This will provide greater accountability as each working group/forum will have a clear purpose and direction according to their terms of reference;
- providing better communication and awareness of responsibilities between internal AEMO teams, thereby leading to better dissemination of information to other stakeholders such as ourselves and reducing the number of duplicative information requests to network service providers ; and
- more genuine consulting and collaboration, such that stakeholders’ feedback is legitimately taken into consideration and thus providing greater transparency in AEMO’s decision making.

While the options paper discusses AEMO’s engagement in terms of its role as the network operator, it does not cover how it will engage with Victorian stakeholders in its role as the transmission network service provider. We would be grateful if a similar consultation is conducted on this matter.

Please find attached the list of forums or working groups that we attend.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Elizabeth Carlile on 0419 878 852 or [ecarlile@powercor.com.au](mailto:ecarlile@powercor.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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**Attachment A:  
Forums or working groups attended by CitiPower, Powercor or United Energy**

<b>Forums and working groups</b>	<b>Status</b>
5-Minute Settlement working groups	Attended
Business to Business Working Group (B2B-WG)	Information received through Victorian distribution business representative
Consumer Data Platform	Attended
Consumer Forum	Attended
Control Room Operations Working Group (CROWG)	Attended
DER working groups	Attended
DNSP Connections Forum	Attended
Electricity Retail Consultative Forum (ERCF)	Attended
Forecasting Reference Group	Attended
Grid Control System Consultative Forum (GCSCF)	We would like to attend
Information Exchange Committee (IEC)	Information received via industry representative
Integrated System Plan (ISP)	We would like to attend as we are recipients of the work
Intermittent Generator Forum	We would like to attend
NEM Connections Reference Group	Attended
Power System Modelling Reference Group (PSMWG)	Attended
Power System Security Working Group (PSSWG)	We would like to attend
Renewable Energy Zones (REZ)	We would like to attend as we are recipients of the work
Renewable Integration Study (RIS)	We would like to attend as we are recipients of the work
Victorian Electricity Emergency Committee (VEEC)	Attended
West Murray System Strength Management	Attended
Western Victorian Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T)	Attended when requested