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To Whom It May Concern

Reliability Standard Implementation Guidelines

Meridian Energy Australia Pty Ltd and Powershop Australia Pty Ltd (MEA Group) refer to AEMO's proposed amendment of the Reliability Standard Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines) and its request for comments on its draft determination.

As you are aware, MEA Group is the owner and operator of the Mt Mercer and Mt Millar Wind Farms as well as Powershop Australia, an innovative retailer committed to providing lower prices for consumers which recognizes the benefits for consumers of a transition to a more renewable-based and distributed energy system. In addition, MEA Group is the registered generator for the Hepburn Community Wind Farm, has recently purchased the Hume, Burrinjuck and Keepit hydro power stations and has entered into power purchase agreements with Salt Creek Wind Farm and the Kiamal Solar Farm in Victoria and the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm in NSW.

MEA Group is supportive of the proposed changes. We also note the following comments made in the draft determination:

"AEMO intends that reports on the activation of RERT contracted reserves will indicate how the RSIG were applied in deciding to activate. AEMO's quarterly reports on the implementation of the reserve level declaration guidelines will also identify any trends or significant changes in the frequency of lack of reserve declarations."

Given the importance of the lack of reserve declarations and their ability to substantially impact on market outcomes (and the need for market intervention), we appreciate AEMO's commitment to transparency on this issue. We would encourage AEMO to continue to enhance its ability to monitor reserve conditions and identify enhancements in its forecasting capabilities so as to reduce forecasting uncertainty. Sharing learnings in this space with the market more generally can only assist in ensuring that customers receive the required reliability of supply without unnecessary impacts on affordability.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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