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Dear Dora

Review of Supplementary Reserve Capacity Provisions Stage 1 Consultation Paper

Thank you for allowing Western Power the opportunity to provide feedback on the Review of Supplementary Reserve Capacity Provisions Stage 1 consultation paper. We look forward to participating in the review and are fully committed to work with EPWA, its consultants and AEMO to identify and implement any improvements. We see benefits in Western Power's role being clearly defined and provide the following comments regarding the proposals.

Proposal 1 – Western Power supports AEMO having the ability to run a non-binding EOI process. We believe the advantages of this are that proponents will have more time to develop their proposals, including liaison with Western Power as required, prior to the more time restricted formal procurement process. Western Power are supportive of a shortlist approach taking place that would allow proponents meeting specific criteria to progress – such as the criteria specified in Proposal 6 - and being involved in the shortlist process to influence outcomes where Western Power is a key stakeholder. We suggest this is incorporated as an additional bullet point in Clause 4.24.1C.

Proposals 4 & 5 – Western Power is supportive of its role in the SRC process being clearly defined and being part of the process to define it. It would be helpful for the WEM Procedure to identify the requirements on Western Power of the information and assistance participants requires from Western Power, including timeframes. We suggest that “name” is removed in the proposed clause 4.24.18(e) as it is sufficiently covered by “contact details” and is likely to include an email mailbox rather than an individual's name.

Proposal 6 – Western Power is supportive of criteria being specified to improve the detail or clarity of project proposals to allow more mature proposals to progress in a timely manner and avoid inefficient use of time on speculative/unviable proposals. We support certainty regarding ability to gain network access and levels of compliance to Technical Rules and minimum Generator Performance Standards to avoid a complex/lengthy technical exemption process. Western Power welcomes being part of the process to either define the criteria itself or have direct input into the process to influence outcomes where Western Power is a key stakeholder.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mark McKinnon, Principal Energy Market Advisor on (08) 9326 4030 or mark.mckinnon@westernpower.com.au or myself on (08) 9441 3518 or Zahra.jabiri@westernpower.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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