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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 the proposed amendments.

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 notes the proposed changes and is generally supportive. We also note that changes to the Reserve Level Declaration Guidelines and recent use of the Reserve Energy Reliability Trader (RERT) may result in the Reliability Standard and Implementation Guidelines (RSIG) becoming more significant in the market than has usually been the case. We would encourage AEMO to include a review of the RSIG, and how it worked in practice, in its reports on the operation of the RERT which AEMO is required to publish under Rule 3.20.6.

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

Yours sincerely

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