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Consultation paper – Generator Information Guideline

Dear Ms Zibelman

Energy Networks Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) Consultation Paper on the Generator Information Guideline (GIG) on behalf of transmission members.

Energy Networks Australia is the national industry body representing Australia's electricity transmission and distribution and gas distribution networks. Our members provide more than 16 million electricity and gas connections to almost every home and business across Australia.

TNSPs are currently operating under the Interim GIG until a new GIG commences in July 2020. The last quarterly Key Connection Information (KCI) provision under the Interim GIG is due on 19 June. Currently, this KCI is provided by emailing a spreadsheet to AEMO.

Energy Networks Australia supports the same provisions contained in the Interim GIG, that is, KCI only and timing of updates to be provided in the new GIG should be quarterly or material change.

Some TNSPs have low volumes of KCI, and a move to an API and associated testing may not be cost effective under normal business governance processes. Energy Networks Australia supports the KCI being provided by TNSPs via the AEMO web portal.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has led to significant work re-prioritisation and social distancing of staff with many working from home. AEMO has acknowledged there is development work required from TNSPs in changing the data provision method to an API and this work will be hampered by social distancing requirements.

The next quarterly update is expected on 19 September, the current KCI information on a webform/web portal approach should remain as an option for TNSPs for some time. This would ensure that AEMO receives the required KCI without the need for

TNSPs to divert key resources to developing and testing new data formatting and inputting processes at this critical time.

Should you have any queries on this response please feel free to contact Verity Watson, vwatson@energynetworks.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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