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Andrew Turley
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Dear Andrew,

Consultation on 2025 Inputs Assumptions and Scenarios Report (IASR)

Transgrid welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation paper on 2025 Inputs Assumptions and Scenarios Report (IASR) shared with the Joint Planning Committee on 17 July 2024 to provide feedback on high-level scenario design, to inform AEMO's development of the 2025 IASR scenarios and assist the development of the 2026 Integrated System (**ISP**).

We have provided feedback in the attached submission, which states our support of the proposal to broadly retain the scenario collection that was defined in the 2023 IASR with slight adjustments and look forward to further engagement.

We will submit a formal response on commercial loads in the demand forecasting methodology consultation due in two weeks.

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

Yours faithfully,

Doug Thomson
Manager, Strategic Network Development

Transgrid Submission

1. Evolution of AEMO's Scenarios – What's changed since the 2023 IASR

- Since the 2023 IASR publication, what changes (such as environment, social, policy) do you consider most impact scenario development for the 2025 IASR scenarios?

Transgrid agrees with AEMO's stated market, policy and regulatory changes since the 2023 IASR and considers these impactful to scenario development for the 2025 IASR scenarios.

Transgrid agrees with AEMO that the recommendations and actions from the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council (ECMC) review do not necessitate a change in the scenario planning approach, or in the scenario collection.

Transgrid will submit a formal response on commercial loads in the demand forecasting methodology due in two weeks.

2. AEMO's proposed scenarios for the 2025 IASR

- Is AEMO's proposal as described above a suitable evolution of each scenario's parameters that will effectively support AEMO's functions in planning the transition?

Transgrid supports the proposal to broadly retain the scenario collection that was defined in the 2023 IASR with the proposed adjustments to the scenarios in Table 3 for the 2025 IASR as described in the consultation paper.

Transgrid does not suggest any material additions.