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Dear Mr Westerman,

Ergon Energy submission to Draft 2022 Forecasting Assumptions Update Report

Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd (Ergon Energy Retail) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) on its consultation *Draft 2022 Forecasting Assumptions Update*.

Ergon Energy Retail acknowledges the importance of ensuring that forecasting is informed by the most accurate assumptions available and which reflect the trends occurring in the National Electricity Market (NEM).

In an effort to enhance the forecasting which occurs in the NEM, we consider that that the '*Draft 2022 Forecasting Assumptions Update Workbook*' published as part of this consultation could be improved with the inclusion of the following additional information:

- Coal cost information for coal-fired power stations be required for each scenario.
- The "Rooftop PV" page be expanded to include the number of rooftop solar PV installations for each scenario as this information is necessary to make the rest of the solar PV numbers useful. This information should also be split into Residential and Commercial segments.
- A page is required for Residential and Commercial Battery Storage, similarly structured to the page for "Rooftop PV" (including the suggested addition).

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact either myself on 0409 239 883 or Andrea Wold on 0428 384 448.

Yours sincerely

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