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Ms Audrey Zibelman
CEO and Managing Director
Australian Energy Market Operator

Lodged by email: stakeholderrelations@aemo.com.au

Dear Ms Zibelman,

Renewing AEMO's engagement model: Options Paper

Enel Green Power (EGP) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) Consultation Paper, "Renewing AEMO's engagement model."

Founded in 2008, and part of Enel Group, EGP builds and operates large scale renewable generation capacity in energy markets around the world. EGP operates in 27 countries on 5 continents with a managed capacity of over 46 GW and over 1,200 plants. EGP is the largest privately owned renewable energy company in the world, generating approximately 100 TWh of renewable electricity from hydro, solar, wind and geothermal resources every year.

EGP supports AEMO's efforts to improve its industry engagement practices. The energy transition is creating enormous technical, policy and regulatory challenges which can only be successfully tackled through collaboration, open and transparent exchange of information and greater inclusiveness in decision making.

We consider there is real value in a AEMO's Option 3 stakeholder engagement model. It proposes a multilayered approach to stakeholder engagement, ranging from strategic engagement at the CEO level to more specialist collaboration at the working group level. This model would give industry CEOs greater input over the strategic priorities and decision making of AEMO in areas that are impactful for industry, while also increasing opportunities for specialists of different organisations and institutions to come together to solve complex market, technical and regulatory problems.

EGP is a subsidiary of one of the largest vertically integrated global energy players in the world, Enel Spa. We see the engagement model under Option 3 as potentially providing an important multilayered channel for leveraging the international expertise of global players such as Enel Spa to help solve complex grid and market related issues, particularly those arising as a consequence of the energy transition.

Finally, regarding the selection process, we would prefer to see an industry and consumer led approach. They are the parties most impacted by AEMO's decisions and therefore best placed to determine who should sit on AEMO's strategic committees. The most efficient approach is to use the industry associations to nominate members for selection (selection option 3). A key advantage of this approach is that it would ensure an appropriate level of feedback and information flows back from the strategic committees to all the members of those associations, particularly those smaller members who rely heavily on associations for effective engagement on market, technical and regulatory issues.

Please feel free to give me a call on 0447927 848 if you would like to discuss any of this further.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Javier Blanco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Javier Blanco

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