



Ausgrid Response

AEMO Amendment of the Market Ancillary Service Specification
consultation

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Dear Mr Clarke,

Ausgrid is pleased to provide this submission to the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) stage 2 consultation on the amendment of the Market Ancillary Service Specification (MASS).

Ausgrid operates a shared electricity network that powers the homes and businesses of more than 4 million Australians living and working in an area that covers over 22,000 square kilometers from the Sydney CBD to the Upper Hunter. As a Distribution System Operator (DSO) we have a role in both enabling our customers to participate in markets through providing flexible network services and partnering with AEMO in the overall delivery of a secure energy system.

We welcome the acknowledgement that further work is required before changes are made to the location of where FCAS response is measured and are supportive of the establishment of a Consultative Forum. We urge AEMO to consider how this Consultative Forum will interact with and leverage other mechanisms such as the ESB's recommendations and subsequent Maturity Plan, ARENA's Distributed Energy Integration Program and various existing committees and working groups looking at standards and interoperability.

Ausgrid remains supportive of changes that allows for greater participation of diverse resources in markets and look forward to working collaboratively with AEMO and other stakeholders in the supply chain as we transition to a decentralised and renewable energy system.

Should the AEMO have any questions in relation to this submission or would like to arrange a further discussion on the interaction between market services and network connections, please contact Alida Jansen van Vuuren, DSO Manager on 0411436108 or alida.jansenvanvuuren@ausgrid.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Junayd Hollis".

Junayd Hollis
Executive General Manager – Asset Management

A scenic landscape at sunset. A paved road with a dashed white line runs through the center, flanked by large, dark trees. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a sky transitioning from orange near the horizon to a clear blue. A utility pole with power lines stands on the right side of the road.

Thank you

