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Dear Sir

RE: New Facilities Investment Test Application for Western Power's Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section)

Wind Prospect WA Pty Ltd (WPWA) welcomes the opportunity to make a public submission on Western Power's New Facilities Investment Test Application for the Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section).

Wind Prospect has been developing the Dandaragan Wind Farm which has a maximum capacity up to 513 MW and the potential to supply up to 305,000 Western Australian households per year. The project is sited near Dandaragan in an area of high wind resource and close proximity to existing and future Western Power transmission infrastructure. Our wind farm project will provide opportunity for employment during the construction and operational stages, ongoing diversified income for dozens of local farmer families and further local benefits in the form of a community fund.

Western Power's Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) is crucial for the development of our \$1 billion wind farm project. Currently the network extending from Pinjar to Eneabba is at full capacity and no further generation can connect until further network upgrades are completed. The Mid West Energy Project will be of immense benefit to future load growth, mining loads and new generation.

Wind Prospect is in full support of the Western Power NFIT application for the Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section). Wind Prospect believes it is prudent to plan ahead for future growth as Western Power has done by considering a 'high' forecast scenario. The Mid West Energy Project should be supported and the value in the proposal seen in context of benefits over the next 5 to 15 years. Benefits include enabling connection of new renewable generation assisting Western Australia in achieving its renewable targets and boosting the local economy through new jobs in construction, operation and management.

Yours sincerely

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