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FRAMEWORK AND APPROACH FOR AA5 – ISSUES PAPER

Alinta Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission on the proposals outlined in the ERA's *Framework and approach for Western Power's fifth access arrangement review – Issues paper*. Alinta provides the following feedback for the ERA's consideration.

Level playing field for storage assets

Alinta Energy supports the intent of the ERA's proposal to specify services from storage resources as excluded services. Alinta Energy is concerned that the 2020 Access Code reforms allowing Western Power to earn regulated returns on storage assets may create an unequal playing field. As follows, Alinta Energy supports the ERA considering any measures that can be implemented in the Access Arrangement, including ringfencing, to avoid Western Power gaining an anticompetitive advantage in storage markets.

New metering functionality from existing infrastructure

Consistent with Alinta Energy's submission on the ERA's scoping paper, Alinta Energy supports the ERA's proposal to require consideration of "smart" services that can be provided by existing metering infrastructure. This may help to extract the most value from the network's existing resources. Additionally, early consideration of new metering services will be crucial to their successful implementation and usefulness.

Early consideration of services supporting the ETS

Alinta Energy supports the proposal to develop a structured approach to new services required by the Energy Transformation Strategy reforms. Sufficient notice and consultation on these services will be crucial to their successful implementation and usefulness.

Forward notice of planned disruptions

Alinta Energy supports the proposal for the Access Arrangement to provide forward notice of any major disruptions planned during the period. This can help users make the necessary adjustments to their operations.

Thank you for your consideration of Alinta Energy's submission. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Oscar Carlberg at oscar.carlberg@alintaenergy.com.au or on

Yours sincerely

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