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## MINIMUM STEM PRICE REVIEW 2022

Alinta Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to inform the ERA's Minimum STEM Price Review 2022.

Alinta Energy notes that the WEM Rules require the ERA to consider the criteria in 6.20.14 to determine whether the Minimum STEM is appropriate, 6.20.15 states that the ERA must not revise the Minimum STEM Price if it considers Minimum STEM Price is appropriate in accordance with these criteria.

These criteria are whether, during the review period<sup>1</sup>:

- 1) The market cleared at the Minimum STEM Price because it was too high.
- 2) AEMO reduced facilities' dispatch below the quantities that were forecast to clear at the Minimum STEM Price because the price was too high.
- 3) There were changes in the generation fleet that render the Minimum STEM Price too high or too low.

The ERA is also required to consider whether any stakeholders requested a review of the price.

Alinta Energy considers that the current Minimum STEM Price is appropriate because, as noted by the ERA, the market did not clear at the Minimum STEM Price during the review period.

This means that the market did not clear at the Minimum STEM Price because it was too high, and that facilities did not have their capacity reduced because the price was too high.

Alinta Energy also notes that during the review period, there were no material changes in the generation fleet.

Thank you for your consideration of Alinta Energy's submission.

Yours sincerely



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