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Dear Nathan,

Australian Energy Market Operator second in-period allowable revenue and forecast capital expenditure - Draft determination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft determination for the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) second in-period allowable revenue and forecast capital expenditure.

Aligned with AEMO's responsibility for operating the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) in accordance with the updated WEM Rules, Western Power and AEMO are required to work collaboratively and maintain a strong operational relationship across a wide range of matters such as network connections and generator performance standards, network access and operations, holistic demand assessment and network forecasting and planning in the SWIS.

AEMO and Western Power's collaboration across these matters is instrumental in ensuring that Western Australians continue to have access to affordable, secure, and reliable energy, particularly during the energy transition.

Western Power expects that our operational relationship with AEMO and other market stakeholders will become increasingly complex through the outcomes of the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Roadmap, Five-minute Settlement (5MS) and delivery of further ongoing energy reforms in the distribution and transmission sectors.

Whilst Western Power acknowledges the ERA's role to apply appropriate rigours in evaluating AEMO's proposal, Western Power supports ensuring that AEMO has access to adequate funding to manage critical operational matters, to complete the operationalisation of previous WEM reform activities, and to enable timely delivery against the reform key requirements, such as end to end delivery of the DER Roadmap and 5MS. Both the DER Roadmap and 5MS require commitment from all stakeholders involved, and potential delays would have a wide impact across the industry.

Please feel free to contact  if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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