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Dear Mr Dawson

**AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2.17.1 OF THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY
MARKET RULES – PROTECTED PROVISION**

I refer to your correspondence dated 1 August 2011 requesting my approval of the proposed amendment to clause 2.17.1 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (the Rules).

Noting that the proposed amendment will improve the integrity of the Rules, is consistent with the market objectives, has the support of market participants and can be readily implemented at no additional cost to the market, I am pleased to give my approval for the proposed amendment in accordance with clause 2.8.5 of the Rules.

I note that to give effect to the proposed change the *Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004* will require amendment. The Market Operator should liaise closely with the Office of Energy to implement the required regulatory change in a timely manner.

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC
MINISTER FOR ENERGY
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