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Dear Ms Zibleman

COVID-19 pandemic – ERA feedback on regulatory activities and actions proposed by AEMO under Wholesale Electricity Market Rules

Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2020 concerning AEMO's review of its regulatory activities under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AEMO outlined several activities that may be affected and actions that it may take in response to an escalating outbreak of COVID-19 in Australia. Each of these activities has been assessed by AEMO as having a minor impact on the market.

The ERA has assessed each of the affected activities and supports the proposed actions outlined by AEMO.

The ERA acknowledges the measures AEMO has taken and its contingency planning in response to the pandemic. AEMO plays a critical role in the safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to consumers in Western Australia. Given the importance of this role, it is appropriate that AEMO manages its resources to ensure that it can continue to perform its core functions.

The ERA looks forward to continuing to work constructively with AEMO to serve the interests of electricity consumers during this time of heightened risks and uncertainty.

Yours sincerely



Nicola Cusworth
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