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Mr Richard Owens
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Review of Regulatory Frameworks for Stand-alone Power Systems (Priority 1)

Dear Mr Owens

A time limited interjurisdictional working group, under the COAG Energy Council's Senior Committee of Officials (SCO), has been established to progress the Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC) *Review of the Regulatory Frameworks for Stand-Alone Power Systems – Priority 1* and *Updating the Regulatory Frameworks for Embedded Networks*. South Australia is chairing this working group.

The working group has commenced consideration and discussion on the AEMC's proposed frameworks from these reviews. A response to the AEMC's final reports is currently being developed for COAG Energy Council consideration.

I can also advise that SCO has agreed to task the AEMC with developing a set of initial rules for distributor-led stand-alone power systems that would come into effect following legislative changes, noting the proposed national framework for stand-alone power systems would require jurisdictions to opt-in.

It would therefore be appreciated if you could commence this task in parallel with the working group's consideration of the final report and preparation of COAG Energy Council's response.

The working group intends to liaise closely with the AEMC to progress this work. Should you wish to discuss this matter further you can contact me on (08) 8429 3185 or 0428 265 825.

I look forward to working with the AEMC on this important area of reform.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Knights'.

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