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RELIABILITY PANEL: SYSTEM RESTART STANDARD REVIEW 2020

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the consultation paper from the Reliability Panel on revisions to the System Restart Standard.

A combined Queensland sub-network should not lead to a reduction in services procured

Origin considers that the Reliability Panel should set the level of restoration for the merged sub regions by combining the quantities currently specified for North and South Queensland. This will maintain consistency with the approach specified for the other sub-networks under the 2016 methodology.

Use the hybrid approach to require geographic spread of sources

The proposed Queensland sub-network is large with dispersed generation and load centres. Origin therefore supports the Reliability Panel's proposal that a hybrid approach be used for the standard in the Queensland sub-network, like that used in NSW. The procurement requirements should specify that enough black start capacity is available for an unsupported system restart on both sides of the South Pine - Palmwoods and Halys - Calvale transmission lines natural breakpoint.

Support retaining current qualitative standards in response to introduction of restoration support services

In April the AEMC made rules introducing a new category of restoration support service. Once the 2021 procurement for SRAS services has finished, the impacts of the new service on the operation of the standard will likely be clear. Therefore, we support the Reliability Panel's proposed approach of waiting until more information is available before amending the standard to account for the changes.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this submission further, please contact Alex Fattal via email alex.fattal@originenergy.com.au or phone, on (02) 9375 5640.

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