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**Improving consultation procedures in the Rules rule change – ERC0323**

**Submission via AEMC website**

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**AGL Response to AEMC Improving consultation procedures in the Rules draft determination**

AGL Energy (**AGL**) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the AEMC Improving consultation procedures in the Rules, draft determination.

AGL is one of Australia's largest integrated energy companies and the largest ASX listed owner, operator, and developer of renewable generation. AGL is also a significant retailer of energy and telecommunications, providing solutions to around 4.2 million across Australia.

The AEMC have proposed a more preferable rule to amend the National Electricity Rules (NER) consultation requirements. The draft rule retains the current two round consultation requirement but allows for an expedited process for minor amendments and provides stakeholders with an opportunity to switch from the expedited process to the standard consultation should material issues require deeper consideration.

We support the AEMC's draft rule. We consider the draft amendments are largely consistent with our earlier submission in response to the consultation paper. In particular, the proposed flexibility for the consultation process to switch from expedited to the standard process preserves the robust consultation process currently in place. We support the ability for stakeholders to challenge a proposed expedited process and consider the grounds for switching the process (i.e., how the proposed changes significantly impact the NEM) is appropriate.

If you have any queries about this submission, please contact Kyle Auret on (03) 8633 6854 or [KAuret@agl.com.au](mailto:KAuret@agl.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

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