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Australian Energy Market Commission
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Dear Ms Collyer

Re: Amending the administrated price cap

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on Alinta Energy's rule change proposal to amend the administered price cap.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is supportive of the proposal to temporarily change the administered price cap as an immediate measure to reduce the risk of outcomes occurring in the National Electricity Market like those which led to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) suspending the market on 15 June 2022. We also support the AEMC's consideration of a revised, temporary cumulative price threshold as part of this rule change, given the interaction between the two settings.

We note that the 12 August 2022 Energy Ministers Meeting Communique confirmed a range of other actions underway to mitigate the risk of similar future market crises. The AER continues to work with other market bodies and Energy Ministers so that we collectively have a full suite of tools, in addition to this rule change, to ensure the market is delivering the outcomes the community expects.

We thank the AEMC for the opportunity to comment on this rule change proposal. If you have any questions about our submission, please contact me on 02 9230 3856 or george.huang@er.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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