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Dear Mr Pierce

ERC0112 – DRAFT RULE DETERMINATION – Release of Generator Information by AEMO

The National Generators Forum (NGF) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC's) draft Rule determination on the Release of Generator Information by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

The NGF supports the AEMC's draft Rule determination as it promotes the principle of making information available to the market in a timely matter. While it is important that information is available as soon as practical, it is not always possible for participants to provide finalised data in the releasable user guide (RUG). Subsequently, the NGF supports the updates to the RUG definition to include information on when specific dates in the connection process have occurred or are expected to occur. This allows participants more flexibility in preparing and updating the RUG to reflect the most accurate information available and ensures that the information provided can be updated as appropriate. The updates to the RUG definition also provides users of the information with a clearer indication of the information's reliability and ensures that AEMO is kept aware of the changing status of the information.

The NGF also supports the AEMC's recommendation that AEMO develop a "liability disclaimer and information cover sheet" for the RUG to advise users that the information is developmental and may be subject to change. This will make it clear to users of the information that the providers (i.e. connecting participants) are not liable for any actions taken on the basis of the information.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this submission further, please contact Hannah Cole of Origin Energy on (02) 8345 5500.

Yours sincerely

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