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Mr Ian Woodward
Chairman
AEMC Reliability Panel
PO Box A2449
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Dear Ian

Application of Frequency Operating Standard during Periods of Supply Scarcity

Powerlink Queensland welcomes the opportunity to comment on NEMMCO's recommendation put forward to the Reliability Panel regarding whether it is intended for sufficient generation to be held in reserve to cover the loss of a generating unit during periods of load restoration following a contingency event.

Powerlink recognises the importance of restoring power to customers at the earliest opportunity. After examining the two approaches considered by NEMMCO, Powerlink supports NEMMCO's recommendation of approach 2 for the mainland.

"Provided the estimated amount of load available for under-frequency load shedding is more than a pre-determined amount, restore the load to the extent of available generation less a pre-determined amount for frequency regulation. The amount of load available for shedding would be an amount sufficient to ensure that upon loss of the largest generating unit the frequency would not fall below the 47.5 Hz for mainland regions...."

Powerlink understands this approach allows for restoration of supply to customers in the minimum possible time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Bartlett".

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