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Issues Paper Electricity Transmission Revenue

Hydro Tasmania would like to thank the AEMC for the opportunity to assist the Commission in its review of the National Electricity Rules, (NER) in relation to electricity transmission revenue.

Many of the matters considered in the current issues paper have been discussed extensively through past market consultations. Hydro Tasmania is concerned that the number and frequency of reviews into transmission are producing an environment of regulatory uncertainty and escalating costs, without reducing regulatory risk for long-term investors. Given that the MCE has now made a policy statement on transmission, it is Hydro Tasmania's view that the AEMC review process should be aimed at implementing rule changes consistent with this policy.

Hydro Tasmania proposes that the required review be very focussed. Matters which have been adequately dealt with previously or which are found to not require detailed comment should be explicitly recorded as such. Hydro Tasmania would prefer that the AEMC only address aspects that require change to be consistent with the MCE policy statement on transmission.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please feel free to contact John Arneaud on 03 6230 5190 or by email on john.arneaud@hydro.com.au.

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