

10 January 2018

Mr John Pierce
Chair
Australian Energy Market Commission
PO Box A2449
Sydney South NSW 1235

Dear Mr Pierce

RE ERC0228 - National Electricity Amendment Rule 2018

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) on the National Electricity Amendment Rule (System restart plan release provisions) 2018.

As both the Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) and Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) in Tasmania, TasNetworks is focused on delivering safe and reliable electricity network services while achieving the lowest sustainable prices for Tasmanian customers. We are committed to ensuring the secure operation of the Tasmanian power system and this includes the efficient management of the power system following a major supply disruption.

In this regard, TasNetworks supports the amendment of NER rule 4.8.12 as proposed by AEMO and has only two further comments in relation to the relevant parties for disclosure.

In Tasmania, the Responsible Officer is an officer of the TNSP. However, TasNetworks understand that this is not the case in all states. As such, TasNetworks believes having Responsible Officers on the list of relevant parties for disclosure may be a useful addition to the proposed rule change.

In a similar manner, TasNetworks understands there may be situations where a Designated Officer may not be captured by the relevant party definition as currently proposed in the amended rule. TasNetworks believes this may also be a useful addition.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, I can be contacted via email (tim.astley@tasnetworks.com.au) or by phone on (03) 6271 6151.

Yours sincerely,

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