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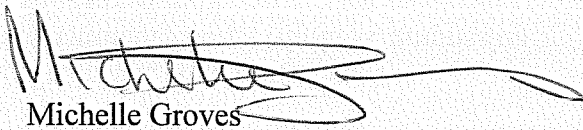
Dear Mr Woodward,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Market Commission Reliability Panel's *Technical Standards Review - Draft Report*.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) supports the Reliability Panel's position as set out in the Draft Report, including the thirteen principles to be applied in revising the technical standards in the National Electricity Rules. If implemented effectively, the Panel's proposals have the potential to improve the clarity and transparency and enforceability of the technical standards, delivering benefits to all stakeholders.

Should you or your officers like to discuss this issue further, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Wilson, who is available on 08 8213 3419.

Yours sincerely


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