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Dear Mr <sup>John,</sup> Pierce

### **National Electricity Rules – Small Generation Aggregator Framework**

AEMO requests the AEMC consider making a Rule change under section 91 of the National Electricity Law. The proposed rule would create a new category of Registered Participant termed “Small Generation Aggregator” in the National Electricity Rules. This would allow AEMO to streamline the registration and meter data processes for people wishing to supply electricity to the national grid from small generating units.

The proposed rule applies to generation that would otherwise be eligible for exemption from registration under AEMO’s existing guidelines. Those guidelines currently apply to any generation with a nameplate rating of less than 5 MW, or generation with a nameplate rating of less than 30 MW that exports less than 20 GWh a year. All other generation would continue to be registered and operate under the rules that currently apply to Generators.

Government, industry, and regulatory bodies have identified the importance of removing barriers to increase the uptake of distributed generation to improve efficiency and unlock further benefits for the energy market. The rule change request seeks to remove one of these identified barriers for the national electricity market.

AEMO would be pleased if you could have these matters considered by the AEMC. For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Terry Grimwade, Executive General Manager – Market Performance, on 03 9609 8520.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments:

National Electricity Rule Change Request – Small Generation Aggregator Framework  
Appendix 1 – Small Generation Aggregator Draft Rule