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NEMMCO

Dr John Tamblyn Chairman Australian Energy Market Commission PO Box H166 Australia Square NSW 1215 Australia

Dear Dr Tamblyn

National Electricity Rules – Request for Rule Technical Standards for Wind Generation and Review of Existing Provisions

In accordance with section 91 of the *National Electricity Law* (NEL), NEMMCO requests the Australian Energy Market Commission to make Rules that provide for technical standards for certain non-scheduled generators, in particular wind generating plant; and to clarify and expand the existing framework for negotiating access of generators to the network.

In 2004 and 2005, NEMMCO has been assisting participating jurisdictions with a review of the technical standards provisions in Chapter 5 of the National Electricity Rules (Rules). This was conducted in light of the growing number of new wind farms proposed or being built, and experience gained in applying the existing framework that was implemented in 2003 under the previous National Electricity Code. NEMMCO has been requested by the MCE to progress the outcomes of this review through changes to the Rules.

A description of the proposed rule, statement of the issues concerning the existing rules, and how the proposed rule addresses those issues consistent with the NEM objective is contained in Attachment A. A draft of the proposed rules is in Attachment B (clean version) and also in Attachment C (with mark-ups and explanations).

NEMMCO would be pleased if you could have these matters considered by the AEMC. For further details, please do not hesitate to contact David Bones on (07) 3347 3041.

Yours faithfully,

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