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Dear Peter,

Proposed Code Changes: Information publication for non-scheduled generation

Origin welcomes the opportunity to comment on this code change consultation. Origin is an active participant in the energy industry with retail customers in all states and a geographically diverse energy supply portfolio comprising generation assets, gas resources and long term supply contracts across the NEM.

Origin's electricity retail activities are largely concentrated in Victoria and SA – two states with especially active wind generation development, with resultant impacts on the operation of the wholesale electricity market. In this context, it is Origin's position that as the requirement to manage the impact of intermittent generation in the NEM grows, so too will the needs for accurate and reliable information.

Diversified integrated participants such as Origin are increasingly seeking to harmonise their retail activities with the operation of generation plant and demand side management to better manage their risk profiles. Origin sees this involvement as allowing it to guarantee the continued supply of low cost electricity to end users while preserving system security.

To this end, the availability of reliable, accurate and timely information with regard to non-scheduled generation is critical to ensuring the best business decisions are made. A suggested information disclosure enhancement is the provision of forecast non-scheduled generation output at the end of each dispatch interval to aid in the projection of future market conditions.

Origin believes that the industry consultation conducted through the DPRG group has produced a set of code changes that will help to increase the efficiency of the NEM by improving the transparency of market information. It is Origin's position that NECA and subsequently the AEMC should approve these changes in full and without delay.

Yours Sincerely,

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