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Dear Mr Pierce

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - CONNECTING EMBEDDED GENERATORS

I write in support of the proposed rule change for connecting embedded generators.

The City of Melbourne has adopted ambitious targets for the development of renewable energy and reducing the City's greenhouse gas emissions. We have previously expressed support for the proposed rule change noting the potential for embedded generation to contribute to these emissions reduction objectives.

The proposed rule change will provide greater certainty to proponents of embedded generation in terms of connection approvals processes, required standards and costs. We are aware that existing timeframes for approvals and the lack of certainty in the connection approval process presents a significant barrier to enabling distributed generation projects to proceed. The proposed rule change will help to address these issues.

We understand that the proponents of the rule change, Seed Advisory, Climate Works and the property Council, have recommended adoption of provisions requiring DNSPs to publish makes and models of connected embedded generators on the network. Although the City of Melbourne did not attend the consultation workshops in 2013, we understand that these provisions were agreed to at the workshops. We support these proposed amendments on the basis that they would add further information that may be of value to proponents of embedded generation systems.

I thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment to the Commission's rule change process.

Yours sincerely

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