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Dear John

**National Electricity Rules – Request for Rule
Semi-Dispatch of Significant Intermittent Generation**

NEMMCO requests the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to consider making a Rule under section 91 of the National Electricity Law. The proposed Rule seeks to enhance power system security by requiring that significant intermittent generators (such as wind farms) participate in the central dispatch and PASA processes, and limit their output at times when that output would otherwise violate secure network limits.

Implementing the proposed Rule will provide for greater control over significant intermittent generation in the NEM, while reducing reliance on local NSP control schemes and intervention through unit directions. Operating margins on affected network limits should also be reduced through greater confidence in the output from these generators.

The proposed Rule was developed by NEMMCO in close consultation with key industry stakeholders and jurisdictional policy makers, initially through the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) Wind Energy Policy Working Group and later through NEMMCO's Wind Energy Technical Advisory Group and Wind Energy Industry Reference Group. On 26 February 2007 the MCE wrote to NEMMCO giving their in-principle support for this Semi-Dispatch approach, and asking NEMMCO to submit appropriate Rule changes to the AEMC.

The enclosed Request for Rule proposal contains: a description of the proposed Rule; a statement of the issues concerning the existing Rules; and how the proposed Rule addresses those issues consistent with the NEM objective.

In addition a draft of the proposed Rules, against version 13 of the National Electricity Rules, is enclosed in Addendum A1 (clean version) and Addendum A2 (with mark-ups).

I would be pleased if you could have these matters considered by the AEMC.

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Ross Gillett on (02) 9239 9114.

Yours sincerely


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