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**Re: Application for a Rule by Energy Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
regarding Obligations of Network Service Providers – Connection Applications**

Dear Dr Tamblyn,

Bovis TPC Pty Limited (BTPC) is interested in exploring opportunities to build, own and operate electricity network services (both transmission and distribution) in the National Electricity Market.

BTPC has arrived at this position after a thorough market survey and assessment which has identified contestable network services as a primary focus. These contestable services include:

- generator connection assets (from the generator to the shared network); and
- transmission lines connecting larger customers to the shared network.

BTPC engaged Energy Solutions Australia Pty Ltd (Energy Solutions) to explore and assist to identify commercial opportunities. BTPC confirms that the issues identified in the application for the Rule by Energy Solutions are real and substantive issues that inhibit the competitive provision of contestable services.

In particular, the incumbent network owners (who receive connection applications) have information not generally available to the market regarding the identity of parties who require contestable services. This provides the incumbent network owners with a clear and distinct competitive advantage.

The situation is exacerbated when the incumbent owner is also in the business of providing contestable services.

The proposed Rule contributes to a more level playing field between new entrants and the incumbent network owners.

BTPC therefore supports the proposed Rule.

Regards,
BOVIS TPC



Gary Taylor
General Manager