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*By email:* submissions@aemc.gov.au

Dear James

**RE: ERC0089. Objection to the expedited Rule change proposal of the Confidentiality Provisions for Network Connections**

On 14 May 2009, the Commission published a notice under sections 95 and 96 of the National Electricity Law (NEL) to commence initial consultation on a Rule change proposal received from Grid Australia relating to confidentiality provisions for network connections. The Commission intends to expedite the Rule making process, subject to written objections, on the grounds that it is non-controversial.

On 1 April 2009, Grid Australia lodged a Rule change proposal to amend the existing confidentiality provisions relating to network connection enquiries and applications under clause 5.3.8 of the Rules.

Grid Australia has requested that this Rule change proposal is expedited in accordance with section 96 of the National Electricity Law, subject to the receipt of written objections. The subject of this Rule change proposal falls within the matters on which the AEMC is permitted to make changes to the Rules.

The Clean Energy Council (CEC) is concerned with this proposed rule change. We believe that it raises a number of issues concerning the timing and details of the data released and require full consultation and debate by the electricity market. Therefore the CEC objects to this proposal being treated as a non-controversial rule change and requests that it is taken through the full rule change process. This will allow all the issues involved in this proposed rule change to be fully debated and understood by the whole electricity market.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above it.

Rob Jackson  
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