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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reform of the Dispute Resolution Process for the Regulatory Test

The NGF supports the changes proposed by the MCE to streamline the dispute resolution process.

The current multi-staged dispute resolution process that allows appeals to be heard through both the Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is unnecessary. We agree that the AER should hear all the disputes on the regulatory test directly.

We agree with the other changes proposed to limit the grounds on which a dispute may be raised to network issues and the operation of the NEM, the narrowing of the definition of who can raise a dispute and the provision to allow a proponent to apply to the AER to determine whether the project satisfies the test.

If you have any questions in relation to this proposal, please call Roger Oakley on 03 9612 2211 or 0408 512 484.

Yours faithfully

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