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Australian Energy Market Commission
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Re: National Electricity Amendment (Small Generation Aggregator Framework) Rule 2012- ERC0141

The Energy Retailers Association of Australia (ERAA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) consultation on the consultation paper for the National Electricity Amendment (Small Generation Aggregator Framework) Rule 2012 (Rule Change).

The ERAA is the peak body representing the core of Australia's energy retail organisations. Membership is comprised of businesses operating predominantly in the electricity and gas markets in every State and Territory throughout Australia. These businesses collectively provide electricity to over 98% of customers in the NEM and are the first point of contact for end use customers of both electricity and gas.

The ERAA does not provide comment on the various issues raised in the Rule Change as members of the ERAA will address these individually.

The ERAA supports the Rule Change as it supports competition in both the retail and wholesale electricity markets, consistent with the aims of the National Electricity Objective. The proposed Rule Change facilitates competition as it removes barriers for existing small generators to switch between financially responsible participants, where the existing framework requires re-registration. The removal of barriers to entry in the wholesale market will eventually result in more liquidity in the market which will help contribute to addressing the challenges of rising wholesale energy prices.

Should you wish to discuss the details of this submission further please contact me on (02) 9241 6556 and I will be happy to facilitate such discussions with my member companies.

Yours sincerely



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