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Fast Frequency Response Market Ancillary Service Rule Change Draft Determination Paper

Meridian Energy Australia Pty Ltd and Powershop Australia Pty Ltd (**MEA Group**) thanks the Australian Energy Market Commission (the **AEMC**) for the opportunity to provide comments in response to the AEMC's Fast Frequency Response Market Ancillary Service Rule Change Draft Determination Paper (the **Paper**).

Background on the MEA Group

MEA Group is a vertically integrated generator and retailer focused entirely on renewable generation. We opened our portfolio of generation assets with the Mt Millar Wind Farm in South Australia, followed by the Mt Mercer Wind Farm in Victoria. In early 2018 we acquired the Hume, Burrinjuck and Keepit hydroelectric power stations, further expanding our modes of generation. We have supplemented our asset portfolio by entering into a number of power purchase agreements with other renewable generators, and through this investment in new generation we have continued to support Australia's transition to renewable energy.

Statement

MEA Group broadly supports the Paper and the proposed changes. Specifically, we support the addition of two new categories of Contingency Frequency Control Ancillary Services; the very fast raise service and the very fast lower service. This will help promote the adoption of leading-edge technologies and result in lower costs to consumers to provide essential system services. Introducing these two new service spot markets in a manner consistent with the existing six contingency services categories, suggests incremental system changes can be more readily adopted by industry participants. Furthermore, this rule change appears consistent with principles of other steps being proposed by Energy Security Board's Post 2025 market design work.

MEA Group welcomes the draft rule change and if implemented as proposed, looks forward to participation in discussions regarding revision of the Market Ancillary Services Specification in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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