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Mr John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission
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Dear Mr Pierce

Draft Report on Review of Regulatory Frameworks for Stand-alone Power Systems – Priority 1

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on AEMC's *Review of the Regulatory Frameworks for Stand-alone Power Systems – Priority 1* draft report.

Though Western Power does not operate in the NEM, we appreciate that positive developments in the NEM can have an effect on the WEM, where we do operate. Western Power is especially interested in the deployment of new grid technology and emerging lower cost energy solutions for our customers.

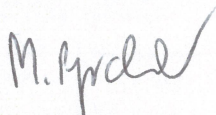
Western Power commends the AEMC on this report, especially its findings around:

- allowing distribution network service providers to utilise stand-alone power systems (SAPS) where they are the most efficient means of replacing or augmenting the network,
- maintaining adequate customer protections whilst not requiring explicit informed consent, and
- utilising a comprehensive engagement strategy with customers.

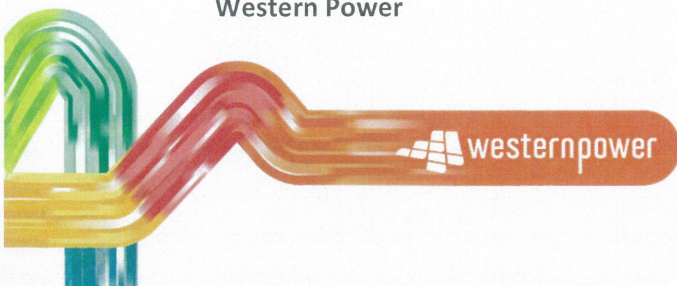
Western Power has gained considerable experience through our Ravensthorpe trial and Round 1 SAPS deployment to support these findings.

Should you have questions or require additional information relating to our comments, please contact Senior Regulation Specialist Miles Jupp at miles.jupp@westernpower.com.au or 08 9326 4570.

Yours sincerely



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