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Dear Mr Lozanov

### **TNSP Confidentiality Exclusion Rule Change Proposal**

Meridian Energy Australia Pty Ltd and Powershop Australia Pty Ltd (the MEA Group) thanks the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) for the opportunity to provide comments in response to the Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) Confidentiality Exclusion Rule Change Proposal (the Rule Change Proposal).

The MEA Group is a vertically integrated generator and retailer focused entirely on renewable generation. We opened our portfolio of generation assets with the Mt Mercer and Mt Millar wind farms. Subsequently, in early 2018 we acquired the Hume, Burrinjuck and Keepit hydroelectric power stations, further expanding our modes of generation. We have also 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.

Powershop is an innovative retailer committed to providing lower prices for customers and which recognises the benefits to customers in transitioning to a more distributed and renewable-based energy system. Over the last five years, Powershop has introduced numerous new, innovative and customer-centric initiatives into the Victorian market, including the first mobile app that allows customers to monitor their usage, a peer-to-peer solar trading trial and a successful consumer-led demand response program. Powershop has also been active in supporting community energy initiatives, including providing operational and market services for the community-owned Hepburn Wind Farm, supporting the Warburton hydro project, and funding a large range of community and social enterprise energy projects through our Your Community Energy program.

Noting the non-contentious nature of the request, MEA Group supports the Rule Change Proposal. Our support is consistent with the MEA Group's submission on the National Electricity Amendment (Transparency of New Projects) Rule Consultation Paper released by the AEMC earlier in 2019. If you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspect of this submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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