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Review of the form of the reliability standard and the APC

Alinta Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Reliability Panel's directions paper. This submission focuses on the form of the APC in the NEM.

Consistent with our position in our response to the Reliability Panel's issues paper in this matter, Alinta Energy continues to support the shortlist options for the form of the APC and agrees with the Panel's finding that predictability should be a key criterion.

Alinta Energy considers that indexing the APC to CPI is the most preferable option, as it provides sufficient certainty for contracts markets, ensures that the APC does not decline in real terms over time, and is also consistent with the indexing that is currently applied to the market price cap and cumulative price threshold.

We thank the Panel for its work in this matter to date and for its responsive engagement with industry.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at <u>hugh.ridgway@alintaenergy.com.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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