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To Anna Collyer,

Review into the arrangements for failed retailers' electricity and gas contracts – Draft report

ENGIE Australia & New Zealand (ENGIE) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Market Commission's (the Commission) draft report for the review into arrangements for failed retailers' electricity and gas contracts.

The ENGIE Group is a global energy operator in the businesses of electricity, natural gas and energy services. In Australia, ENGIE operates an asset fleet which includes renewables, gas-powered generation, diesel peakers, and battery energy storage systems. ENGIE also owns Simply Energy which provides electricity and gas to retail customers across Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia.

ENGIE is supportive of the Commission's draft recommendations and is pleased that the Commission has taken on board industry's feedback in relation to the proposed mechanism to bill a failed retailer for the costs of its failure. As we noted in our submission to the directions paper, that proposed mechanism would have had substantial impacts on retailers' ability to raise loans or equity.

ENGIE supports the proposed improvements to the retailer of last resort (RoLR) scheme that incentivise retailers to pursue market exit strategies that do not cause a RoLR event, including commercial arrangements with another authorised retailer.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact me on, telephone, 0436 929 403.

Yours sincerely,

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