



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Ref. A47674

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Dr John Tamblyn
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission
PO Box H166
Australia Square NSW 1215

Dear Dr Tamblyn,

OBLIGATIONS OF NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDERS – CONNECTION APPLICATIONS

I refer to above the Rule change proposal submitted to the Australian Energy Market Commission (the Commission) by Energy Solutions Australia Pty Ltd (Energy Solutions). Energy Solutions have asked that the Commission consider the proposal as non-controversial and that it be dealt with under section 96 of the National Electricity Law (NEL).

Powerlink disagrees with the assertion of Energy Solutions that the proposed Rule is non-controversial. The proposed Rule would require Network Service Providers to **establish and maintain** a new register of parties claiming to provide contestable services. This is a new obligation that does not currently exist in any form. Powerlink believes that a proposed Rule which imposes a new obligation on parties, and which has been submitted to the Commission without prior consultation with all of the affected parties should not be considered non-controversial.

For this reason Powerlink asks that the Commission reject the request by Energy Solutions for the proposed Rule to be considered non-controversial under section 96 of the NEL.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon H. Jardine".

Gordon H. Jardine
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