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Mr John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission
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Via www.aemc.gov.au

Dear Mr Pierce,

Proposed National Electricity and Gas Amendment (Minor Changes) Rule 2013

Alinta Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC) two rule proposals: *Proposed National Electricity Amendment (Minor Changes) Rule 2013* and *Proposed National Gas Amendment (Minor Changes) Rule 2013*.

Alinta Energy appreciates the work of the AEMC to improve the National Electricity and National Gas Rules.

Alinta Energy supports the proposed minor changes

Alinta Energy notes the rule change proposal aims to improve consistency and enhance clarity of the National Electricity Rules and the National Gas Rules by:

- correcting several insignificant grammatical and formatting errors;
- correcting glossary inconsistencies;
- removing expired provisions; and
- introducing descriptive notes relating to civil penalties and conduct provisions in the National Gas Rules.

Alinta Energy understands that the content of this rule change is largely immaterial and non-controversial, as defined under section 87 and 290 of the National Electricity Law and National Gas Law respectively. As such, Alinta Energy supports the AEMC's decision to expedite the rule change process.

Alinta Energy shares the AEMC's view that the proposed changes will contribute, although only marginally, to the achievement of the National Electricity Objective and the National Gas Objective. Additionally, the proposed changes are compatible with the performance of the Australian Energy Market Operator's declared network function.

Alinta Energy does not expect these minor rule changes to alter market incentives or behaviour when participating in the gas and electricity markets.

Conclusion

Given the above, Alinta Energy understands and appreciates the need for these minor rule changes, and supports the enhanced quality and additional clarity these minor rule changes will provide to the market place.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me on, telephone, (02) 9372 2633, or Anders Sangkuhl on (02) 9375 0962.

Yours sincerely,



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