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Dear Mr Pierce,

National Gas Amendment (National Gas Bulletin Board Capacity Outlooks) Rule 2014 (Project Reference GRC0024)

GDF Suez Australian Energy (GDFSAE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on AEMC's rule change as proposed by Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). The rule change enhances the Gas Bulletin Board by increasing the amount of information available to gas market participants in the area of pipeline and facility forward availability.

The National Gas Amendment (National Gas Bulletin Board Capacity Outlook) Rule 2014 increases the current 3-day outlook to 7 days, and introduces a new medium term outlook. The rule change has been extensively debated at AEMO's gas industry meetings and forums, and GDFSAE believes that the proposed Rule change represents the collective thinking of those engagements. GDFSAE supports this Rule change because it represents a positive step forward for the gas markets by increasing information transparency.

GDFSAE would prefer a better alignment with the National Electricity Market Projected Assessment of System Adequacy (PASA) model, in particularly where information is provided by a set time on a set day. The proposed Rule change for the Gas Bulletin Board has a less onerous obligation for participants with the information only updated when there is a change in the underlying availability of a pipeline or facility. Strengthening this data provision regime should make this Rule change an even more efficient and reliable capacity outlook.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 9617 8410 if you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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