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Australian Energy Market Commission
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Dear Mr Pierce

ENHANCED INFORMATION FOR GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE CAPACITY – DRAFT DETERMINATION

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC's) Draft Determination in relation to the enhanced information for gas transmission pipeline capacity rule change request.

Origin supports the AEMC's Draft Determination. The additional information will increase market transparency and reduce search and transaction costs. This will provide stakeholders with a better understanding of gas market supply and demand conditions and promote pipeline capacity trading.

We consider the scope of information in the AEMC's Draft Determination strikes a balance between the benefits of additional information and the regulatory burden of providing it. In particular, we support the AEMC's draft decision to not proceed with additional information requirements in relation to linepack and supply nominations for production facilities. We also support the AEMC's draft decision on contact details of contracted shippers, namely that pipeline operators will not have to provide a list of contracted shippers in order of contracted capacities and that they would only have to update this list as necessary rather than on a monthly basis. With respect to each of these issues, the AEMC's decision is based on its views that the information is not necessary, creates an administrative burden or is unlikely to enhance efficiency by reducing transaction and search costs. Origin supports these findings as we consider enhanced information is only appropriate where it is valuable to market participants and its benefits outweigh the costs of its provision.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this information further, please contact Lillian Patterson on lillian.patterson@originenergy.com.au or (02) 9503 5375.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Reid".

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