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Dear John

Review into the enforcement of and compliance with technical standards

Alinta welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Commission's draft report on its review into the enforcement of and compliance with the technical standards.

Alinta responded to the Commission's earlier Issues Paper by commenting that, from Alinta's perspective, the present arrangements for enforcement and compliance with the technical standards are reasonably effective. In particular, Alinta commented that the possibility of public disclosure of a company's non-compliance (under the present arrangements) is likely to provide a powerful incentive for compliance.

In its draft report, the Commission emphasises that a framework for enforcement and compliance with the technical standards must firmly be driven by outcomes, the most fundamental of which are the ongoing security and reliability of the power system. The Commission further comments on page 3 of its draft report that:

"Market participants and customers must be under no misapprehension that the security of the power system is paramount and that the strongest possible enforcement actions are available to ensure that those outcomes can be achieved."

Notwithstanding Alinta's earlier view that the existing arrangements were proving to be reasonably effective, the company supports the Commission's observation that the security of the power system is paramount. Alinta notes that the Commission's draft report has identified a number of areas where improvements in the existing arrangements could be made. Alinta looks forward to working constructively with the Commission and NEMMCO to give effect to these improvements.

Yours sincerely

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