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Dear John

Reliability Safety Net Extension Rule Change Request

I refer to the National Electricity Rule change request being made by the AEMC Reliability Panel to the AEMC and contained in its letter dated 19 December 2005. The request is to extend by 24 months the 30 June 2006 expiry date set out in the Rules for the reliability safety net.

This letter is to indicate that NEMMCO:

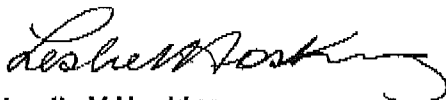
- for the purposes of section 91(6) of the National Electricity Law, is joined as a proponent of this Rule change request insofar as it relates to the participant derogation contained in Part 7 of Chapter 8A of the Rules; and
- specifically endorses the contents of the Reliability Panel's Rule change request letter dated 19 December 2005 and the draft Rule proposal attached to that letter.

NEMMCO's offices are located at Level 12, 15 William Street, Melbourne Vic 3000.

The Rule change will allow the Reliability Panel time to complete its comprehensive reliability review, including an assessment of whether the reliability safety net should be allowed to expire or alternative arrangements put in place, in accordance with the AEMC's terms of reference and for the review's results to be implemented in a way that ensures that market participants are able to respond effectively.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9648 8777.

Yours sincerely



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