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Australian Energy Market Commission
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Via Online Submission

Dear Ms Degen

RE ERC0256 - Generator Registration Thresholds

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Australian Energy Market Commission's (**AEMC's**) consultation on Generator Registration Thresholds.

TasNetworks is the Transmission Network Service Provider (**TNSP**), Distribution Network Service Provider (**DNSP**) and Jurisdictional Planner in Tasmania. TasNetworks is also the proponent for Marinus Link, a new interconnector between Tasmania and Victoria. The focus in all of these roles is to deliver safe, secure and reliable electricity network services to Tasmanian and National Electricity Market (**NEM**) customers at the lowest sustainable prices. TasNetworks appreciates AEMC's consideration of the treatment of smaller generation in the NEM, and the transparency and certainty of the generator registration and exemption process.

TasNetworks is supportive of the proposed changes to the rules, finding them relevant and appropriate. TasNetworks already requires any generator that can inject greater than five megawatts into the main transmission network to register as a scheduled/semi-scheduled generator. This is due to the need to facilitate high transfers on Basslink and the main network. The formalisation of this type of arrangement through the rules would remove any ambiguity that may arise in the future.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tim Astley, Network Reform and Regulatory Compliance Team Leader, via email (tim.astley@tasnetworks.com.au) or by phone on (03) 6271 6151.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chantal Hopwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the word "Hopwood".

Chantal Hopwood

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