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Dear Daniella,

AGL Energy (AGL), appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC), review of the Gas Supply Guarantee (GSG). AGL is one of Australia's largest integrated energy companies and the largest ASX listed owner, operator, and developer of gas, hydro, thermal and renewable generation. AGL is also a significant retailer of energy and telecommunications, providing solutions to around 4.5 million customers across Australia.

AGL supports initiatives to ensure gas supply in peak demand periods in the NEM however it is difficult to determine the effectiveness of the GSG considering the mechanism has not been used since its inception in December 2017. AGL notes that the recent Gas Statement of Opportunities by the Australian Energy Market Operator has forecast a looming gas shortfall from winter 2023 so the GSG may be utilised in the not-too-distant future should it remain in force. Unless the AEMC believes that there are better alternative options (both operationally and cost effective), that could be utilised in the event of a gas shortage for gas powered generation AGL considers the GSG to be a potentially useful mechanism for industry collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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