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John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)
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Dear Mr Pierce

System Restart Services, Standards and Testing Draft Determination (ERC0278)

Hydro Tasmania appreciates the opportunity to respond to the AEMC's *System Restart Services, Standards and Testing* draft determination.

Hydro Tasmania recognises the importance of having robust system restart arrangements in place for the unlikely event of a major system disruption. As such, we strongly support the AEMC's efforts to ensure that the system restart regime is well prepared to respond to such an event.

It is essential that the regime for system restart testing (and associated costs) is appropriately balanced between the risks and costs associated with a system black event. We consider that the draft determination has balanced these two considerations well, and on this basis, we are supportive of the AEMC's proposed amendments.

Whilst the AEMC's proposed changes are likely to result in an increased workload for affected generators, we consider these changes to be logical in improving the rigour around the overall system restart process. Hydro Tasmania will continue to work diligently and proactively with AEMO and TasNetworks to ensure compliance under the rules.

If you have any queries regarding this submission or require further information, please contact Ricky Beswick (0429 008 426 or Ricky.Beswick@hydro.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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