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Powerlink Queensland Response to NSCAS Description and Quantity Procedure Amendments

Dear Bianca,

Powerlink Queensland (Powerlink) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO's) NSCAS Description and Quantity Procedure amendments. Powerlink agrees with the objectives of the review.

The reclassification of the NSCAS service into broader categories is a logical simplification and inclusive of all types of service that may be required. Powerlink is also supportive of updates to adapt to the changing power system. Powerlink agrees that the current quantity procedure, which is specific about exact planning assumptions AEMO should make when modelling any NSCAS shortfalls each year, is no longer appropriate for the rapidly changing power system.

while supportive of the concept of flexibility of modelling assumptions, it is important that such assumptions are aligned to the planning criteria used by TNSPs that may be required to ultimately deliver a lower cost network or non-network solution (via the RIT-T) as a result of a declared NSCAS gap.

To this effect, Powerlink supports that the detailed assumptions be removed from the NSCAS quantity procedure, but recommends that all assumptions should be discussed and agreed with TNSPs during the NSCAS review process.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission or would like to meet with Powerlink to discuss this matter further, please contact Cameron McLean.

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Yours sincerely,



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