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Dear Alex,

Submission: Amendment to Electricity Industry Act 2004 - Removal of generation licensing requirements.

TransAlta has reviewed the consultation document containing the suggested removal of generation licencing requirements, as issued by the Public Utilities Office in December 2015 and welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the proposed changes.

TransAlta, through its various subsidiary companies and partnerships holds multiple Electricity Generation Licences, including an Integrated Regional Licence. TransAlta notes that, following discussion with the Public Utilities Office, the legislation amendment and the associated removal process would also apply to the generation component of the Integrated Regional Licence.

TransAlta is supportive of the proposal to amend the legislation to remove the requirement for a generation license on the basis that it would reduce the administrative overhead associated with ensuring compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this submission please contact me on 9420 0628.

Yours sincerely,

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