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Dear Ms Ryan

Western Power feedback on proposed changes to the regulatory framework

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Energy Policy WA (EPWA) consultation paper, *Energy Sector Governance: Proposed Changes to the Regulatory Framework*.

Western Power supports EPWA's efforts to ensure the efficient functioning of the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) and associated regulations and reviews by clarifying and streamlining the governance arrangements. Additionally, Western Power supports the retention of responsibility for the development of the Whole of System Plan with EPWA, and the proposed transfer of responsibilities for administration of the WEM Rules and associated policy and technical reviews, to the Coordinator of Energy.

An independent and adequately resourced rule change process under the Coordinator of Energy will be important for enabling proposed rule changes to be developed and decided within reasonable timeframes. Western Power is of the view that changes to the role and composition of the Market Advisory Committee (MAC) would support this improved rule change process. With the evolution of the WEM and introduction of elements of the Technical Rules into the WEM Rules, such as the introduction of Generator Performance Guidelines, there is an increasing need for members with technical expertise to be represented on the MAC. Western Power welcomes the opportunity to assist in providing this technical expertise.

As Network Operator, Western Power would also be pleased to work with EPWA and the Economic Regulation Authority to determine the methods and matters to be considered in the proposed economic study on the impact of Network Operator Outages to assist in ensuring these reviews are efficient, fit for purpose, and do not duplicate other processes.

I would be pleased to arrange for Western Power to meet with your team to discuss these matters further and can be contacted on 08 9441 3518 or zahra.jabiri@westernpower.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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