



**Hon Mike Nahan MLA
Treasurer; Minister for Energy;
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Dear Mr Dawson

**APPROVAL OF RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL RC_2014_02 – CONTAINING
PROTECTED PROVISIONS**

I refer to your letter dated 14 November 2014 regarding proposed amendments to the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules under Rule Change Proposal RC_2014_02, which deals with the removal of rule provisions enabling facility aggregation.

I note the Independent Market Operator assessment that there are no perceived benefits to Market Participants from the facility aggregation provisions, and that the provisions currently only impose a modest cost to the Wholesale Electricity Market.

I also note that given that the Electricity Market Review outcomes are not known at this time, there is a need to ensure any rule changes made during this interim period are not contrary to potential reform outcomes.

For these reasons, I consider it premature to remove the facility aggregation provisions. In accordance with rule 2.8.5, I reject the Rule Change Proposal.

Yours sincerely

**DR MIKE NAHAN MLA
TREASURER; MINISTER FOR ENERGY;
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