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Dear EPWA

Proposed Changes to the Electricity Network Access Code – Priority Projects

Synergy welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to Energy Policy WA (**EPWA**) in relation to the above. Synergy is focused on supporting energy transformation and decarbonisation through the replacement of its coal-fired generation plant with renewable generation and energy storage assets.

Significant and timely infrastructure investments are required to facilitate decarbonisation of the electricity sector while also supporting the reliability and security of the power system. Transmission works in the northern, southern and eastern corridors will be particularly important in meeting decarbonisation, security and reliability objectives in the SWIS.

To ensure the timely delivery of significant and critical network investments, EPWA is proposing the following amendments to the Electricity Network Access Code 2004 (**ENAC**):

1. Expand the definition of a “priority project” to include projects specified in a “priority project determination” made by the Minister for Energy; and
2. Establishing a “priority project determination” requiring the Minister for Energy to provide reasons supporting the determination and how the determination meets the ENAC objectives.

In addition, Synergy notes ENAC section 2.2 requires the Minister for Energy must have regard to the ENAC objectives when performing a function under the ENAC.

Synergy supports the proposed ENAC amendments to facilitate the delivery of significant and critical network investments.

Synergy confirms its submission can be made public.

Yours sincerely

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