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**DRAFT RULE CHANGE REPORT SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE CAPACITY AMENDMENTS
(RC_2025_01)**

Synergy welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to Energy Policy WA (**EPWA**) on its *Draft Rule Change Report Supplementary Reserve Capacity Amendments (RC_2025_01)* released on 15 January 2026. The paper outlines the Coordinator of Energy's (**Coordinator's**) review and assessment of the *Rule Change Proposal: Supplementary Reserve Capacity Amendments (RC_2025_01)* (**SRC Proposal**) submitted by Bluewaters Power and released for consultation on 21 October 2025. The draft decision by the Coordinator is to reject RC_2025_01 after taking into consideration stakeholders' submissions and the Market Advisory Committee (**MAC**) views on the SRC Proposal.

Synergy agrees with the Coordinator of Energy's findings that accepting RC_2025_01 has the following potential impacts for the WEM:

- the creation of incentive for Market Participants to purposely fail certification and withhold capacity from the RCM,
- the opportunity for Market Participants to benefit from differences in obligations between the RCM and Supplementary Capacity Contracts,
- increased costs to consumers due to supplementary capacity costing more than reserve capacity, and
- an inducement to high emissions technologies that have exited, to then re-enter the WEM.

Given these potential impacts, Synergy supports the Coordinator of Energy's draft decision to reject RC_2025_01.

Your sincerely

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