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Reliability Panel
Australian Energy Market Commission
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Reliability Panel, AEMC – Consultation on request for protected event declaration

Energy Networks Australia appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Reliability Panel on the AEMO request for protected event declaration.

Energy Networks Australia is the national industry body representing businesses operating Australia's electricity transmission and distribution and gas distribution networks. Member businesses provide energy to virtually every household and business in Australia

AEMO proposes a protected event defined as “the loss of multiple transmission elements causing generation disconnection in the South Australian region during forecast destructive wind conditions”. Given the risks in the South Australian region, Energy Networks supports this event being included in the protected event framework and the increased transparency this provides.

AER in their VCR review in 2019 has been requested to develop high impact, low probability event VCRs, once these are available we suggest that the relevant VCR's be derived from the AER data in any future requests.

Energy Networks Australia is supportive of the protected event framework, we don't see the need for additional guidelines and consider that requests are likely to be unique and should be appropriately assessed on their merits. It would be hard to be definitive of all circumstances for these events, prescriptive guidelines could prevent certain events that should be protected from being protected and vice versa.

Should you have any queries on this response please feel free to contact Verity Watson, vwatson@energynetworks.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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