



22 December 2023

Dr Paul Heithersay
Chief Executive
Department for Energy and Mining
South Australia

Submitted via email: dem.consultation@sa.gov.au

Dear Dr Heithersay,

Amendments of the Electricity (General) Regulations 2012 to establish a new planning and forecasting function – Consultation Paper

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed new South Australian planning and forecasting function. We provide feedback on aspects of the regulations that could be improved to promote transparency.

Publication of the South Australian Electricity Development Plan (the Plan)

While the primary aim of the Plan is to provide advice to the Minister on the development of the SA power system on a confidential basis at least every six months, the consultation paper proposes to publish a public version of the Plan annually.

Origin strongly supports the publication of the public version of the Plan for transparency purposes so that market participants can understand the risks to the SA power system. The Department should therefore consider releasing a public version of each update of the confidential Plan (rather than once a year only).

Transparency of the methodology and assumptions used to develop the Plan

The Department should also consider including, in the public version of the report, the methodology, inputs, assumptions, and settings used to develop the Plan to help market participants understand the information provided and assess SA power system risks appropriately.

This is particularly important given other jurisdictions are setting up or have set up their own planning frameworks, in addition to existing national processes such as the Integrated System Plan and the Electricity Statement of Opportunities. Given the rising complexity of planning frameworks across the NEM, clarity on methodology and inputs is critical for market participants to interpret and compare information provided by the various planning reports effectively.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission further, please contact me at Sarah-Jane.Derby@originenergy.com.au or on 02 8345 5101.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Derby".

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