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Dr Brian Spalding
Chairman, Reliability Panel
Australian Energy Market Commission

AEMO Request for Protected Event Declaration (Your Ref: REL0069)

Dear Dr Spalding

The Energy and Technical Regulation Division (the Division) of the Department for Energy and Mining welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the consultation paper *AEMO Request for Protected Event Declaration* issued on 13 December 2018.

The Division agrees with AEMO's definition of the protected event, *'the loss of multiple transmission elements causing generation disconnection in the South Australia region during forecast destructive wind conditions'* as this was highlighted during the 2018 Power System Frequency Risk Review (PSFRR).

The Division also supports the continuation of the current process of constraining imports into South Australia over the Heywood Interconnector when destructive winds are forecast but under the more transparent governance arrangements of a protected event. Similarly, as AEMO recommended in the 2018 PSFRR, the Division supports further upgrades to the System Integrity Protection Scheme noting the ongoing studies by AEMO and ElectraNet and the proposed evaluation by the Reliability Panel.

Finally, the Division agrees with the proposed assessment framework and welcomes the estimated mid-2019 timeframe for Panel's final determination.

Should your officers wish to discuss this submission further, please contact Mr Chris Marsden, Senior Policy Officer, on 08 8429 3068.

Yours sincerely

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