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Our ref:

Major Energy Users Inc. Mr Shane Bewry Chairman 2-3 Parkhaven Court Healesville, Victoria, 3777

By email: BewryS@OneSteel.com

Dear Mr Bewry

## **MEU Rule Change Proposal to Mitigate Generator Market Power**

Thank you for your letter of 8 March 2013 regarding the progress the Commission has made in assessing the MEU's rule change proposal relating to generator market power.

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As you are aware, the Commission received a number of the submissions to the draft determination, including the MEU's submission, and the submissions contained a significant amount of further information for the Commission to consider. We have been reviewing all the submissions to the draft determination and undertaking further analysis to inform the Commission's assessment of the MEU's rule change request.

As you note in your letter, we indicated our intention to publish a further consultation paper in December 2012 as part of the Commission's process for assessing the rule change request. Such a further consultation paper would have been an optional additional step to the rule change process required under the National Electricity Law. In the light of our assessment of the submissions to the draft determination and the further analysis the Commission has undertaken, we have decided not to issue a further consultation paper, but intend to make a final determination in the near future in relation to the rule change request

In your letter you make reference to information the MEU has provided to the Commission during the rule change process, submissions made by other organisations during the rule change process and developments in the electricity market. Before making rule determinations the Commission has regard to all submissions provided to it during a rule change process, and any other information and analysis it considers relevant to its assessment.

Consistent with adopting a transparent approach to the rule making process, the AEMC intends to publish your letter and this response on our website. If you have any concerns about the AEMC publishing your letter please contact Paul Smith on 02-8296-7800 by 5 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

John Pierce Chairman 13-7041