

Reliability Panel Review of Frequency Operating Standards for Tasmania AEMC Terms of Reference (18 March 2008)

Introduction

As part of its Comprehensive Reliability Review, the Commission published on 25 May 2006 the final determination by the Reliability Panel (Panel) on the frequency operating standards applicable in Tasmania from 29 May 2007. In this final determination, the Panel foreshadowed that it would revisit the Tasmanian frequency operating standards after at least 12 months operation of Basslink and has included this in its work program for 2008.

Scope of the Frequency Operating Standards Review

Clause 8.8.1(a)(2) of the National Electricity Rules requires the Reliability Panel to:

review and, on the advice of *NEMMCO*, determine the *power* system security and reliability standards;

The *power system security and reliability standards* sets out the frequency levels for the operation of the power system, which is specified in the *frequency operating standards*.

This review will be conducted in accordance with clause 8.8.3 of the National Electricity Rules.

Therefore, the AEMC requests the Panel, in accordance with section 38 of the NEL and clause 8.8.3 of the National Electricity Rules, to undertake a review of the *frequency operating standards* for Tasmania.

Process

This review is likely to have important implications for NEM stakeholders. Consistent with its philosophy of engaging with those parties, the AEMC requests the Panel to plan to involve stakeholders by seeking submissions and holding forums on the Tasmanian *frequency operating standards*.

Timing

Recognising the extensive work program within the Panel, the Panel should aim to complete its review by 31 December 2008.