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Energy Networks Regulatory Unit
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission to transmission reliability standard compliance – Issue paper

Essential Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Transmission Reliability Standard Compliance Issues Paper, dated June 2017. The paper appears consistent with the intent of the reliability standard, with the approach taken in line with what has been discussed in the development of the standard.

Therefore, Essential Energy only wishes to comment on additional areas that it believes are significant in ensuring that the reliability standard delivers a level of reliability in line with the expectations of customers.

Essential Energy supports IPART's preliminary view that for non-network solutions, TransGrid would be required to provide evidence of third-party agreements that are in place to deliver compliance with the planning standard.

Essential Energy also supports the use of estimates of the time to restore transformers and lines provided by TransGrid as the most sensible method of assessing the EUE (Expected Unserved Energy) at a bulk supply point. Essential Energy is of the view that a requirement should be included for these estimates to be supported with evidence as to their reasonable nature. To assess this Essential Energy believes it is likely that IPART would require evidence of staff availability, depot proximity, as well as evidence of any third-party agreements that are in place for responding to regional and remote bulk supply points.

If you or your officers have any queries in relation to this submission please contact me on 02 6589 8479, or alternatively, Adam Causley, Acting Manager Engineering and Planning, on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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