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Australian Energy Regulator
23 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra ACT 2601

LETTER FOR AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, Sojitz, are a general trading company with over 23,000 employees and a market capitalization of AU\$ 7.4 billion (As of February 2025). We are writing to express our interest in promoting the development of renewable gas in Australia. As the energy landscape transitions towards more sustainable solutions, we recognize the important role that renewable gas can play in achieving carbon neutrality while ensuring energy security and reliability.

In line with this vision, in September 2024, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jemena. This MoU signifies our intent to accelerate the development of renewable gas infrastructure, enabling greater integration of clean energy sources into the existing gas network.

As part of this initiative, we acknowledge that connecting renewable gas facilities to the existing gas infrastructure involves substantial costs. These costs are an essential factor in new renewable gas development project and must be considered for effective market optimization. We would like to call on the Australian Energy Regulator to explore mechanisms that support cost optimization across the market to facilitate the integration of renewable gas while maintaining affordability and efficiency. We believe that a collaborative approach among stakeholders, including regulatory bodies, industry players, and policymakers, is key to unlocking the full potential of renewable gas.

Sincerely,



Toshiharu Chichibu
Managing Director
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