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Submitted by email: kris.funston@aer.gov.au

Dear Dr Funston

Application – ex ante determination system security network support service

Please find attached Transgrid's official application for the AER to make ex-ante determination that the system security network support service payment methodology set out in the draft contract is likely to be prudent and efficient under clause 6A.6.6A of the NER. The parties to the draft contract are Snowy Hydro Limited and Transgrid.

We are grateful for the AER's informal staff-level review of the application ahead of this official submission. We recognise that this is a new process for both the AER and Transgrid and that timing is tight ahead of the 2 December 2025 compliance date.

In accordance with the AER's confidentiality guidelines, we have provided both a **confidential** and redacted version. As I am sure the AER will appreciate, being a commercially negotiated contract, much of the application will have to remain confidential. This limits the utility of any public consultation.

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Transgrid strongly encourages the AER to make a timely determination on this application to ensure critical system security services can be made available to AEMO in December 2025. Noting that AEMO approvals are required to occur prior to the services being available for operational purposes.

If you or your team require any further information or clarification on this application, please contact Robert Millar, Senior Manager Regulation, at robert.millar@transgrid.com.au

Yours sincerely

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