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Australian Energy Regulator

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### **Submission to AER Consultation on Basslink System Security Contract Application**

Aurora Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the application from APA Group in relation to Basslink for a review of a system security network support (SSNS) contract.

Aurora Energy is a customer-centric Tasmanian Government owned energy retailer providing energy services to the vast majority of Tasmania's electricity customers.

Aurora Energy supports the APA application for the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to approve its SSNS payment contract application.

Basslink is a critical asset in the Tasmanian energy sector and its ongoing operation at full capacity is essential for system security and efficient wholesale market function. Further, ensuring that Basslink operates at full capacity provides an overall economic benefit to Tasmania consumers from facilitating the most efficient and fulsome operation of the Tasmania wholesale market.

Aurora Energy recommends a timely resolution of the SSNS contract review application in order for this to be resolved ahead of the first scheduled auction for Basslink Settlement Residue Auction on 15 June 2026.

Additionally, the term of the SSNS should match the term of the AER determination that Basslink can operate as a regulated link within the National Electricity Market.

If you have any questions on this submission, please contact [REDACTED] Head of Wholesale Energy, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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