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Mr Daniel Westerman
Chief Executive Officer
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By email: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Westerman

Thank you for your response letter, dated 1 June 2026, in relation to the implications of Project EnergyConnect (PEC) for system security and reliability in New South Wales and South Australia. We will consider the information provided and the benefits AEMO has identified for reliability and security.

Clause 6A.7.1(a) of the National Electricity Rules (NER) requires us to assess the impact on reliability and security. Specifically, one of the questions for the AER is whether a failure to rectify the adverse consequences of the event identified by Transgrid in its application would be likely to materially adversely affect the reliability and security of the relevant transmission system.

In addition to information already provided, does AEMO have any further views on the expected adverse consequences on the reliability and security of the transmission system in New South Wales and/or South Australia if PEC is materially delayed or not built?

We seek any response by **COB 18 June 2026**, given the timeframes for our assessment set out in the NER. However, should this timeframe not be suitable to AEMO, please propose an alternative timing for any response.

To promote transparency regarding our assessment of Transgrid's application, we intend to publish all correspondence with AEMO on this issue on our website. Please let us know if you have any concerns with this approach.

Please contact Kami Kaur, Executive General Manager, Networks, [REDACTED], if you wish to clarify any aspects of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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