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Generator Notice of Closure – Draft Exemption Guideline

AGL Energy (**AGL**) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Regulator's (**AER**) Generator Notice of Closure Draft Exemption Guideline (**Draft Exemption Guideline**).

AGL is one of Australia's leading integrated energy companies and the largest ASX listed owner, operator and developer of renewable generation. Our diverse power generation portfolio includes base, peaking and intermediate generation plants, spread across traditional thermal generation as well as renewable sources. AGL is also a significant retailer of energy and provides energy solutions to over 3.5 million customers in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia.

AGL is supportive of the Draft Exemption Guideline and considers the proposed process for reviewing and approving exemption applications to be reasonable. We thank the AER for addressing the comments AGL raised in our submission to the previous issues paper.

We note that it may be useful for the AER to clarify what would happen should an application for early closure be rejected, for example whether there is any recourse for the generator.

If you have any queries about this submission, please contact Jenessa Rabone on (02) 9921 2323 or JRabone@agl.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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