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Dear Michael

Proposed Extension to STCC and STCSC for operation of TGN and TGS

I refer to my previous correspondence of the 26th February 2020 relating to our request for SA Power Networks to seek extensions for the relevant AER, AEMO, ESCOSA and EPA approvals and licences that have been granted to SA Power Networks for the temporary operation of emergency generation facilities at Elizabeth, Adelaide South Australia (TG North) for a period of an additional 12 months.

The current situation related to the Coronavirus outbreak and resulting restrictions on travel and businesses has adversely impacted the transition to Infigen at the Lonsdale site with delays expected to delay the commencement of their operation at the site.

As a contingency, SAG requests SA Power Networks commence work to extend the current operational licences and approvals from AER, ESCOSA, EPA and AEMO at the Lonsdale site for a further 6 months to 1 December 2020.

The current advice is Infigen are expecting a 1-month delay, however given the continuing evolution of restrictions relating to the virus, it may be necessary to defer longer than anticipated.

I confirm that SA Power Networks' applications for extension of the current approvals is at the request of SAG to ensure continued availability of the generators until such times as they can transition to Infigen for commercial operation in the NEM

I can confirm that the operating conditions for the units at Lonsdale will remain the same (monthly maintenance firing of the turbines and under AEMO or Ministerial direction, emergency power generation to avoid rotational load shedding) and the exemption from the DA process continues to apply for this installation.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly on 0401 987 076 or via email nick.smith2@sa.gov.au.

Regards

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