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Consultation feedback on the SA Power Networks' regulatory determination

Dear Mr Funston,

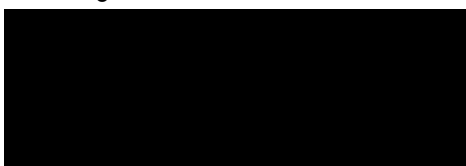
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the SA Power Networks (SAPN) regulatory determination.

As a leading global specialist in photovoltaic (PV) system technology, SMA is setting the standards today for the decentralized, digital and renewable energy supply of tomorrow. Our product range spans the home rooftop sector, commercial and industrial applications, and large grid-scale applications. Our inverter and battery storage products are complemented by components for energy management, system monitoring, and data analysis. SMA has a global inverter capacity of 140 GW and more than 9 GW in Australia. We are headquartered in Germany, with more than 110 employees across Australia.

SMA supports the leadership role that SAPN has taken with respect to interoperability of consumer energy resources (CER) and the role of information and communication technology (ICT) in enabling high levels of CER integration. SAPN has made a valuable contribution to national consistency through initiatives such as developing and using the Australian Common Smart Inverter Profile (CSIP-Aus), developing a test harness to assess the interoperability of inverters with its utility server, and publication of the results on the Clean Energy Council (CEC) web site. We commend SAPN for the depth and breadth of engagement with industry and consumer organisations in the development of its regulatory proposal.

We support SAPN continuing to take a leadership role on CER interoperability and integration and with that in mind we urge you to favourably consider SAPN's ICT and CER integration expenditure proposals.

Best regards,



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