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Ilan Joseph Sadeh
Director
NSW Electricity Networks Assets Pty Limited as trustee
for the NSW Electricity Networks Assets Trust
Level 43, 101 Collins Street
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Dear Mr Sadeh

Re: NSW Networks Assets Pty Limited - application for exemption and approval of an intermediary

Thank you for the application for exemption from registration and approval of an intermediary under clause 2.9.3 of the National Electricity Rules (NER) by NSW Electricity Networks Assets Pty Limited as trustee for the NSW Electricity Networks Assets Trust (ABN 45 710 374 720) (Network Assets). We understand this application is in relation to TransGrid's electricity transmission system.

The application provides that TransGrid will lease its electricity transmission system to Network Assets and Network Assets will sublease that electricity transmission system to NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited as trustee for the NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust (ABN 70 250 995 390) (Network Operations). Your application also states that pursuant to clause 2.9.3(a) of the NER, Network Assets is applying to the AER for an exemption from the requirement to register as a Network Service Provider by notifying the AER that pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b)(1) of the NER, Network Operations (the intermediary) is to be registered instead of Network Assets. Also, pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b)(2) of the NER you have provided the written consent of Network Operations to act as an intermediary.

As you may be aware, under clause 2.9.3(c) of the NER, the AER must approve Network Operations as an intermediary if the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is reasonably satisfied that Network Operations can be treated for the purpose of the NER as Network Assets with respect to TransGrid's electricity transmission system.

On 15 December 2015, AEMO informed the AER that it has approved the registration of Network Operations in the participant category of network service provider - transmission system operator.

As the delegate, I am pleased to advise that the AER approves Network Operations as an intermediary and as such, pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b) allows the exemption requested by Network Assets.

Should you have any questions about my decision, please contact Paul Dunn, Director - Network Investment and Pricing on 03 9290 1426.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Pattas', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris Pattas
General Manager
Network Investment and Pricing

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