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Dear Ms Crowley

### **Notice under clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules**

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to you pursuant to clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules that the AER is extending the time limit to assess Essential Energy's Cost pass through application – licence condition changes, dated 28 September 2021.

Clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules provides that the AER must extend the time limit to assess a cost pass through application if the AER is satisfied that the complexity or difficulty of assessing or quantifying the effect of the relevant pass through event justifies the extension.

In accordance with clause 6.6.1(k1), we are extending the time limit the AER has to assess Essential Energy's cost pass through application by 60 business days due to the complexity of assessing the application.

Essential Energy submitted the cost pass through application on 28 September 2021. On 3 November 2021 we issued a notice to Essential Energy under clause 6.6.1(e1) of the National Electricity Rules for information that we require to assess the cost pass through application. On 22 November 2021 we received Essential Energy's response. The AER has a standard 40 business day period to assess the cost pass through application commencing from 22 November 2021. This extension adds 60 business days to this standard period, giving the AER 100 business days in total to assess the cost pass through application commencing from 22 November 2021.

If you would like to discuss further, or have any questions, please contact Anthony Goh on [REDACTED] in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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