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Attention: Ms Emma Fishburn

Dear Ms Fishburn,

### **Recovery of Network Support Costs Rule Change Proposal**

The AER has examined the AEMC's draft decision on the SPAusNet proposal for a rule change to align the distribution provisions with the transmission provisions for the recovery of network support payments. We note that you have examined the available mechanisms to address the recovery of network support payments and have concluded that the current Rules framework adequately addresses this need.

As previously stated, the AER agrees with the objective of minimising barriers to the use of network support to minimise inefficient network investment. We expect in light of the AEMC's decision that registered distributors will have a heightened awareness of the potential to include a request for a nominated pass through event, in relation to network support, in their future regulatory proposals. We consider the AEMC's approach to be sound.

Should you have any queries about this submission, inquiries may be directed to the undersigned or to Mr Paul Dunn, Director – Network Operations and Development, phone: (03) 9290 1426 or by email: [paul.dunn@er.gov.au](mailto:paul.dunn@er.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Pattas', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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