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Dear Mr Lange

Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) – final assessment second pass on the Underwriting New Generation Investments (UNGI) program

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 August 2019.

I believe this revised RIS is consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy makers, and adequately addresses each of the seven RIS questions. I am satisfied this revised RIS for second pass assessment addresses the first pass assessment comments provided in your letter.

In particular, we have addressed the following:

- Further detail on the problem the UNGI program is addressing.
- Updates in line with the AEMO's 2019 Electricity Statement of Opportunities.
- Further detail on the proposed options, including impacts.

I note that the regulatory burden estimate has been agreed with your office.

Consistent with best practice, I submit the certified RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for the second pass of the final assessment.

Yours sincerely

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