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Attachments: AER letter to COAG EC - Black System update May 2018 (002).pdf

Dear Officials,

Please find attached correspondence from the AER Chair in relation to the status of our investigation for your information.

Should you have any queries, please call Joanna Gall on (08) 8213 3461.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Officials

AER compliance monitoring and enforcement role - Black System Event

I am writing to provide you with a further update on the status of our investigation into the Black System Event of 28 September 2016 in South Australia.

As you are aware, the AER is responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with the National Electricity Laws and Rules. As such, we are investigating the circumstances of the South Australian Black System event of 28 September 2016. The investigation is broad ranging covering the period from 27 September until the end of the market suspension period on 11 October 2016.

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The fourth investigation stream, regarding the circumstances immediately prior to the black system in South Australia, "The Event", is still continuing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This aspect of our investigation continues to be a legally complex and technical area of the investigation.

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Yours sincerely,



Paula W. Conboy
AER Chair

Sent by email on: 30 May 2018

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² To mirror the equivalent s. 155(1)(c) provisions in the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 available to the ACCC