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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft of the Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines

I, Alistair Parker, CEO VicGrid, pursuant to Division 4, section 57(4)(a) of the **National Electricity (Victoria) Act** (Act), give notice that I have prepared and published a draft of the Victorian transmission plan guidelines for public review and comment from 22 July to 25 August 2024.

Victorian transmission plan guidelines outline how VicGrid will produce a Victorian transmission plan, a long-term strategic plan for renewable energy infrastructure and transmission development in Victoria.

The scope of the Victorian transmission plan guidelines is determined by the requirements of section 57(1) of the Act to:

- a) define a set of plausible, high-impact scenarios that establish the electricity system's 25 year investment needs consistent with Victorian energy policy objectives and market outlook;
- b) include key inputs, sensitivities, methodologies and assumptions that will be considered as part of the making of the Victorian transmission plan, including the geographical area that will be analysed in the plan;
- c) describe how the CEO VicGrid will consult stakeholders in the preparation of the Victorian transmission plan; and
- d) specify a transmission planning standard that will provide for certain detailed aspects of the Victorian transmission plan.

Under the Act, the first Victorian transmission plan (2025 Victorian transmission plan) is required to be published by 31 July 2025 and will consider a 15 year time horizon, rather than the 25 years that will be required in subsequent plans.

For the purposes of identifying the geographical area that will be analysed in developing the 2025 Victorian transmission plan, the draft of the Victorian transmission plan guidelines includes a map of a renewable energy zone study area for investigation. This shows the parts of Victoria to study further for potential future renewable energy zone and transmission development.

The purpose of this notice is to invite submissions and comments on:

- a draft prior to publishing the Victorian transmission plan guidelines by 30 September 2024; and
- the approach to refining the study area to proposed renewable energy zones in developing the 2025 Victorian transmission plan.

Due to legislative timelines, between 22 July and 11.59 pm on Sunday 25 August 2024, I am inviting public comment on the draft of the Victorian transmission plan guidelines and detailed methodology that will be used to refine the study area to a collection of areas most suitable for energy generation.

Submissions may be lodged: electronically using an online form on the Victorian Government's Engage website, www.engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan; by email at vicgrid@deeca.vic.gov.au; or via post at VicGrid, GPO Box 527, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

In parallel, I am inviting public comment on the study area from 22 July to 11.59 pm on Monday 30 September 2024.

Feedback on areas that should be protected and other factors that could influence the placement of energy generation and transmission infrastructure within the study area may be provided: electronically using an online form on the Victorian Government's Engage website, www.engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan; in person or online at a VicGrid engagement event; by email at vicgrid@deeca.vic.gov.au; or via post at VicGrid, GPO Box 527, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

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Please note, all submissions will be treated as public documents and will appear online unless clearly identified as being confidential. Submissions are encouraged to be made on a publicly available basis.

A copy of this notice, electronic copies of the draft of the Victorian transmission plan guidelines and supporting documentation will be published on the Engage Victoria website, www.engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan A copy of this notice will also be published on the VicGrid website, www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/vicgrid

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