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Release of the MCE Policy Response to the Stage 2 Final Report of the AEMC *Review of Demand-Side Participation in the National Electricity Market.*

The Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) has today released its response to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) Stage 2 Final Report of its *Review of Demand-Side Participation in the National Electricity Market* (DSP Review).

The AEMC initiated the DSP Review in October 2007 when it wrote to the MCE advising of its intention to investigate the potential for amendments to the National Electricity Rules to better facilitate DSP in the NEM.

The AEMC released the Stage 2 Final Report of the Review on 7 December 2009. The MCE's policy response to this report is presented in the following document:

Demand-Side Participation in the National Electricity Market: Ministerial Council on Energy Response to the Australian Energy Market Commission's Stage 2 Final Report

As part of its response, the MCE has considered the Stage 2 Final Report in light of the Council of Australian Governments' *National Strategy on Energy Efficiency* (NSEE) which includes a commitment to consider the effectiveness of the electricity market in bringing forward cost-effective demand-side energy efficiency measures.

The MCE has supported the AEMC proposal to undertake a Stage 3 of the DSP Review. On 4 June, the MCE Standing Committee of Officials wrote to the AEMC requesting that certain elements of the NSEE also be considered by the AEMC when developing the terms of reference for Stage 3 of the Review.

SCO's letter is also available at www.mce.gov.au.

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