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Annual National Transmission Statement

This bulletin outlines the work undertaken to date on the development of the Annual National Transmission Statement (ANTS).

On 11 December 2003, the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) confirmed that new inter-connector investment should be facilitated through a national transmission network review which would be published as the ANTS. The MCE further agreed that the ANTS would be developed by NEMMCO in consultation with market participants with the inaugural ANTS to be published in conjunction with the Statement of Opportunities in July 2004.

Since that time, and at the request of the MCE Standing Committee of Officials (SCO):

- a working group, including representatives from NEMMCO, the jurisdictional planning bodies, industry and end users, has worked cooperatively to develop the proposed scope and content of the ANTS; and
- NEMMCO and the Inter-Regional Planning Committee have worked to develop a consistent format and content for the Annual Planning Reports (APRs) undertaken in each jurisdiction.

Copies of both the ANTS "*Scope and Content*" and the APR "*Structure*" that have been developed and are circulated with this Bulletin. NEMMCO will continue to progress development of these issues over the coming months.

SCO endorses the work undertaken to date on these issues and sees this as the first important step in the development of a clear and stable framework for national transmission planning, with improved consistency, transparency and economic efficiency. To further this process SCO:

- supports additional consultation by NEMMCO on ANTS later this year as a useful means of learning from its initial release and to ensure that its scope, content and presentation remain relevant to the market;
- is requesting NEMMCO and the IRPC to develop a process for consultation and further harmonisation of future APRs; and
- will continue to work closely with NEMMCO in the development of Code changes to support the introduction of ANTS (noting that the 2004 release of ANTS is not contingent upon finalisation of these Code changes).

Further information on the proposed Code changes and future consultations will be e-mailed to stakeholders on the electronic mailing list and posted on www.mce.gov.au as it becomes available.

MCE Standing Committee of Officials
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