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Dear Jess

EnergyAustralia supports the Modification Application(s) and Report(s) for the Clarence Coal and Lidsdale Coal Loader Modification (DA504-00-Mod-10 and MP08\_0223-Mod-5) and is pleased to provide comment.

EnergyAustralia is one of Australia's largest energy companies, providing gas and electricity to 2.5 million household and business customer accounts in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. EnergyAustralia owns and operates a portfolio of energy generation across Australia, including coal, gas and wind assets with control of over 4,500MW of generation in the National Electricity Market (NEM). We serve approximately 1.2 million retail customer accounts in NSW and operate the coal fired Mt Piper Power Station near Lithgow and the Tallawarra gas fired power station near Wollongong.

Mt Piper is the newest, most efficient and the better environmentally performing coal fired power station in NSW. Mt Piper is amongst the best performing power plants in Australia, conserving finite resources and with some of the lowest emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases.

Mt Piper Power Station has limited access to approved coal reserves in the central western coal fields. In recent years the Mt Piper Power Station has had to reduce its generation for the purpose of conserving the available coal supplies on its stockpile to guarantee availability over the peak demand periods (Summer and Winter). More than 90% of coal supplied to Mt Piper Power Station is sourced from a single supplier, namely the Springvale Coal Mine. The remaining coal volume is sourced from intermittent suppliers from other smaller coal operations including the Clarence Colliery. Access to these additional coal supplies is critical to Mt Piper Power Station's ability to provide a reliable generation to the National Energy Market.

EnergyAustralia supports the Modification as proposed. Please contact me if you have any questions relating to the above.

  
Steve Marshall  
Head of Mt Piper Power Station