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The Planning Secretary
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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CC: Wayne Jones

Dear Ms Fishburn

Re: EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) (SSI-10040) – Staging Report revision E – Entering Operations Phase

I refer to Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) (SSI-10040) (the Project), which the then NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces approved on 28 September 2021 under section 5.19 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

The Proponent will enter the operations phase of the project once formal confirmation is received from AEMO of successful completion of Stage 1 internetwork testing, enabling the purpose of the development to be fulfilled (this is currently scheduled from week commencing 7 April 2025).

There are still minor construction works occurring wholly within the Buronga substation, that will continue until late 2025. These works are mainly related to the connection of PEC-East infrastructure (SSI-9172452); however, all works within the substation technically fall under the PEC-West approval.

To ensure full compliance with SSI-10040, a minor update to the Staging Report is needed to enable these minor construction works to continue under existing approved management plans and to allow the staging of any relevant conditions.

In terms of entering the operational phase for all other assets, the Proponent has satisfied all relevant pre-operational conditions for the remainder of the project, per PA-157.

Transgrid formally requests the Planning Secretary's approval of Revision G of the projects Staging Report.

If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely



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