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The Planning Secretary
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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CC: Wayne Jones, Katrina O'Reilly

Dear Ms Fishburn,

Re: Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection (SSI-9717 – MOD 1) – Energisation of Maragle 330kV Switchyard and Line 64 Cut-in

I refer to the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project (SSI-9717 – MOD 1) (the Project), which the then NSW Minister for Planning approved on 22 September 2022 under section 5.19 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

The Proponent is notifying the Department that the 330kV Maragle Switchyard and Line 64 cut-in will be energised on the 3rd October 2025.

The energisation of the 330kV Maragle Switchyard and Line 64 cut-in is an integral step in the testing and commissioning phase. This does not meet the Infrastructure Approval's definition of 'operation' for the reasons described below;

- The definition of 'operation' within the Infrastructure Approval does not include commissioning trials - *'Commissioning trials of equipment and temporary use of any part of the development are within the definition of construction'*.
- The *'carrying out of the approved purpose'* for the 330kV Maragle Switchyard and Line 64 is directly linked to *'associated infrastructure connecting the Snowy 2.0 Main Works project to the electricity grid'*.

- The connection of the Snowy 2.0 Main Works project to the electricity grid will not be realised until the successful completion of construction of the new 330kV transmission line connecting the Snowy 2.0 Main Works project to the electricity grid.
- This is currently on-track to be completed in mid-2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jason Snape via email at jason.snape@transgrid.com.au or by phone on 0472 756 143 should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J Snape".

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