OC6.9 DEMAND CONTROL ROTATION PROTOCOL (“DCRP”)

OC6.9.1 The **Demand Control Rotation Protocol (“DCRP”)** is owned and managed by **The Company**. DCRP addresses anticipated short-term forecasted shortages in electricity supply to meet **Demand** on the **National Electricity Transmission System** of less than 48 hours. **DCRP** aims to prevent unplanned **Demand Disconnections**, or at the extreme, the **Partial** Shutdown or **Total Shutdown** of the **National Electricity Transmission System**. **DCRP** describes how **Demand** **Control** shall be delivered whilst ensuring the protection of Protected Sites (as defined in the Electricity Supply Emergency Code).

OC6.9.2 **The Company** shall undertake a review at least every five years in consultation with the **Network Operators** and make such amendments to the **DCRP** as required. **The Company** shall be responsible for ensuring the appropriate finalisation and circulation to the **Network Operators** of the **DCRP** after each review. **The Company** shall liaise with the **Network Operators** and agree any transitional arrangements required to implement any changes to the **DCRP**. Until the new version of **DCRP** is endorsed by **The Company** and the **Network Operators**, the existing version will remain in use. Each **Network Operator** shall have in place such systems and processes that will enable it, following an instruction from **The Company**, to enact the requirements described in the **DCRP**.

OC6.9.3 **The Company** shall issue a **National Electricity Transmission System Notice – Initiation of DCRP** to **Network Operators,** and market participants, as soon as reasonably practicable after the scheduled **Emergency Response Team** call, as set out in the DCRP. This shall be at least eight hours, unless agreed otherwise, in advance of **Demand** reduction needed.

OC6.9.4 On receipt of a **National Electricity Transmission System Notice – Initiation of DCRP** from **The Company**, **Network Operators** shall:

* make eight **Load Blocks** ready for **Demand Disconnection** available within eight hours
* Make a total of 14 **Load Blocks** ready for **Demand Disconnection** within 24 hours, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

**Fast Load Blocks** will be reserved for delivering obligations under OC6.5.3.

OC6.9.5 A **National Electricity Transmission System Notice – DCRP** Imminent will be issued by **The Company** at least one hour before disconnections are required. This will be the formal instructions to **Network Operators** from **The Company** advising that disconnections will be taking place. When **Load Block** disconnections start occurring, **Network Operators** shall rotate demand (by de-energising and re-energising **Load Blocks**) using the **Load Blocks** stated in the **Activation Schedules** issued by **The Company**, as explained in the **DCRP** summary. **Fast Load Blocks** shall not be included in the **Activation Schedules**. The final **Activation Schedules** will be issued by **The Company** at least one hour before **Demand Control** is required to take place, in accordance with the **DCRP**.

OC6.9.6 During a Demand Control Rotation period, it is accepted that **Network Operators** may not be able to meet relevant obligations and delivery incentives in their licences.

OC6.9.7 At the end of the Demand Control Rotation period, **The Company** will issue a **National Electricity Transmission System Notice – DCRP Stand Down** to **Network Operators** and market participants in accordance with the timelines provided in the **DCRP**. and **Network Operators** will securely revert back to normal network configuration and operation, without **Demand Disconnection**, as soon as reasonably practicable.

OC6.9.8 Aspects of the **DCRP** arrangements will be tested periodically by **The Company** and the **Network Operators** to ensure the protocol and obligations remain fit for purpose.