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Submitted via email: projectmarinus@tasnetworks.com.au

Dear Ms Clark

TASNETWORKS: PROJECT MARINUS INITIAL FEASIBILITY REPORT

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the initial technical Feasibility Report (report) prepared by TasNetworks.

The report notes that TasNetworks is investigating funding sources outside of regulated revenue, which may not require a Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission. Notwithstanding this, the knowledge sharing plan outlined in the report should be followed, irrespective of the funding approach that is ultimately chosen. This project, if it progresses, is likely to have a significant impact on the development of the National Electricity Market, with the potential to influence future generator and network investment decisions. Considering the importance of the project, TasNetworks should continue keeping the market informed of the future assessments and the timeline of any proposed actions.

Depending on the location chosen for Marinus Link, augmentation of the shared Victorian or Tasmanian network may be required to allow the full inter-regional flow across the interconnector. The next stage of assessment should specify whether such augmentations would be required and include the cost of these when evaluating the project.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this submission further, please contact Alex Fattal via email alex.fattal@originenergy.com.au or phone, on (02) 9375 5640.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Reid".

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