

Victorian and South Australian energy supply remains secure

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has announced it has called on Reliability and Emergency Reserve Trader (RERT) providers to be on standby this afternoon to deliver contingency support if required to provide additional supply across Victoria and South Australia.

AEMO does not envisage any supply impact to Victorian and South Australian consumers, however with temperatures rising, and the risk of bushfires ever present, AEMO has determined the need to increase its operating reserve by enabling additional resources to be available should market generation reserves deplete.

“We have been planning for conditions like today, with a focus on ensuring an operating buffer to manage unforeseen incidents across the power system,” said Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Ms Audrey Zibelman.

“We now have a range of dispatchable resources that can be used to strategically support the market as required, including battery storage, diesel generation and demand resources,” said Ms Zibelman.

AEMO will continue to monitor conditions closely in both Victoria and South Australia, and more broadly across the National Electricity Market, and will provide a further update should conditions change.

For more information in relation to summer preparedness, please visit <http://energylive.aemo.com.au>.

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About AEMO:

AEMO is responsible for operating Australia's largest gas and electricity markets and power systems, including the National Electricity Market and interconnected power system in Australia's eastern and south-eastern seaboard, and the Wholesale Electricity Market and power system in Western Australia.

AEMO also operates the Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market and the Victorian gas transmission system; the wholesale gas Short Term Trading Market hubs in Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane; the Wallumbilla Gas Supply Hub in Queensland; and the Moomba Gas Supply Hub in South Australia.

As Australia's independent energy markets and power systems operator, AEMO provides critical planning, forecasting and power systems security advice and services to deliver energy security for all Australians. For more information, head to www.aemo.com.au

As Managing Director and CEO, Ms Zibelman also serves on the Energy Security Board.