

Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal Submission

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## Reduction of the prudential exposure in the Reserve Capacity Mechanism

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## 1. Please provide your views on the proposal, including any objections or suggested revisions.

Community Electricity continues to support the original Rule Change Proposal.

We perceive the new cost benefit assessment to compare an avoided cost of capital with the cost of achieving that avoidance. As such, we perceive the analysis to be unrealistically narrow in scope. We also consider it to be based on unrealistic assumptions.

We consider the payback period to be much shorter than the value posited.

We suggest that the assessment should instead holistically consider the impacts - intangible and tangible - on the Market Objectives including the following aspects: