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Reliability Panel  
C/- Australian Energy Market Commission



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Dear Reliability Panel

### **Reliability standard and setting review 2018**

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) is an independent, non-profit legal centre based in New South Wales. Established in 1982, PIAC tackles systemic issues that have a significant impact upon disadvantaged and marginalised people. We ensure basic rights are enjoyed across the community through litigation, public policy development, communication and training. The Energy + Water Consumers' Advocacy Program represents the interests of low-income and other residential consumers, developing policy and advocating in their interests in the NSW energy and water markets.

PIAC appreciates the opportunity to respond to the draft report, and supports the EUAA submission to the same.

PIAC is disappointed to note that many of the points made in PIAC's submission to the issues paper have been acknowledged, but not meaningfully addressed, in the draft report.

PIAC is deeply concerned about the dearth of evidence behind the panel's draft recommendations, and that these fail to promote the long term interests of consumers.

PIAC requests to meet with members of the Reliability Panel to discuss the matters in the draft report in January. We suggest a full day workshop is required to explore issues in sufficient depth.

Yours sincerely,

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