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Dear Madam/Sir

### **Victorian Transmission investment Framework & Options Paper- Access for Victorian REZ's**

AGL is a leading integrated essential service provider, with a proud 184-year history of innovation and a passionate belief in progress – human and technological. We deliver approximately 4.2 million gas, electricity, and telecommunications services to our residential, small and large business, and wholesale customers across Australia. We operate Australia's largest electricity generation portfolio, with an operated generation capacity of 11,208 MW, which accounts for approximately 20% of the total generation capacity within Australia's National Electricity Market.

In terms of access arrangements within the Victorian Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's), AGL believes that retaining the open access regime would be the most appropriate option while national reforms are still being considered, debated, and determined. Retaining the open access regime will deliver the immediate benefit of certainty to investors and those willing to take part in the energy transition, at least until the ESB 2025 reforms have been completed. It would also ensure that any changes required by a national scheme, as part of the 2025 reforms or otherwise, can easily be adopted without yet another cycle of reform in close succession.

If you have any queries about this submission please contact Marika Suszko, Wholesale Regulation Manager at [msuszko@agl.com.au](mailto:msuszko@agl.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

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