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Sent: Wednesday, 19 October 2022 6:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Collie coal and SWIS

FYI plus letting you know as backup in case I get stuck with meetings this morning!!!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnston, Bill" <[REDACTED]>
Date: 19 October 2022 at 12:31:48 am AWST
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Collie coal and SWIS

Can I have this printed and brought over to me at Parliament House before QT.

Thanks

Bill Johnston MLA
Member for Cannington

Sent from my iPhone

On 22 Sep 2022, at 2:07 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Bill and [REDACTED],

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aemo.com.au>
Date: 22 September 2022 at 12:49:19 pm AWST
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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aemo.com.au>, Kate Ryan <[REDACTED]@aemo.com.au>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aemo.com.au>
Subject: FW: Collie coal and SWIS

Hi [REDACTED],

Just sharing for transparency: Paul Murray from The West Australian has enquired about the coal supply issues and impact on supply. Our response to his questions below, for your information.

This is all strictly under **embargo** until AEMO's SRC tender is out tomorrow. He is planning to publish in his column on Saturday.

Kind regards and enjoy the public holiday.

Cheers,

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From: Paul Murray <[Redacted]>

Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2022 9:35 AM

To: AEMO Media <AEMO.Media@aemo.com.au>

Subject: Collie coal and SWIS

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for the discussion about my Saturday column on the emerging coal supply problems in WA. I look forwards to the information you will send.

Here are my questions:

. Has AEMO issued formal advice to the WA Government in recent weeks about concerns with energy security in the SWIS due to coal supply issues and other factors?

AEMO has identified that there may be inadequate Reserve Capacity available in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) over the first half of the 2022-23 Capacity Year. AEMO has informed the WA Government and industry stakeholders of the potential shortfall (174 MW), which is driven by a combination of forecasted increases in demand, along with extended generation outages, fuel supply constraints and project delays since the WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities publication in June 2022.

. Will AEMO provide me with a copy of that advice or a summary of its contents?

AEMO is formally releasing an invitation to tender for Supplementary Reserve Capacity (SRC) in accordance with the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) Rules to procure additional capacity. SRC is a standard component of the Reserve Capacity Mechanism (RCM) which ensures reliability of supply in the SWIS. With capacity generally certified around two years prior to the relevant Capacity year, the SRC mechanism exists for circumstances just like these – where circumstances have arisen in the period since capacity was certified.

Full details of the process, will be available on AEMO's website from Friday 23 September: <https://aemo.com.au/energy-systems/electricity/wholesale-electricity-market-wem/wa-reserve-capacity-mechanism/supplementary-reserve-capacity>.

. Does AEMO stand by its statement of June 17 that there is a “healthy outlook” for WA’s emerging power system?

With the energy transition accelerating, AEMO is anticipating a tighter supply-demand balance over coming years, underscoring the need to progress new generation and storage developments to maintain a secure, reliable and affordable supply of electricity to homes and businesses in the SWIS. AEMO is continuing to work with the WA government, market bodies, industry and the community to manage risks and implement solutions as the power system transitions from traditional thermal generation to firmed renewables, enabling a lower-emissions and more decentralised electricity system for the benefit of all Western Australians.

. Does AEMO stand by its forecast of “a shallow shortfall of 21 MW from 2025-26 following the retirement of Muja C in 2024 and as demand increases, which could potentially grow to 303 MW by 2031-32 if no new capacity is committed.”

The forecast outlook from the June 2022 WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities (WEM ESOO) for the 2025-26 Capacity Year and beyond is unchanged at this stage. AEMO continually monitors changes in supply and demand in the SWIS and updates its long-term forecasts annually in the WEM ESOO, with the next ESOO scheduled for publication in June 2023.

. Is that shortfall likely to happen earlier than 2025, in fact, as early as this summer?

As above.

Regards,
Paul Murray,
Columnist,
The West Australian [REDACTED]

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