

Mr George Passmore Queensland Competition Authority (**QCA**) Level 27, 145 Ann Street Brisbane QLD 4001

29 August 2022

2022 Review of Aurizon Network's System Rules

Dear George,

I refer to my previous correspondence dated 24 June 2022 regarding the commencement of Aurizon Network's 2022 Review of the Central Queensland Coal Network (CQCN) System Rules.

The 2022 Review of the CQCN System Rules commenced in May 2022 and involved multiple stakeholder engagements including:

- The release of a consultation draft System Rules with prospective amendments to Train Operators on 18 May 2022;
- Direct one-on-one engagements with Train Operators and other Affected Persons regarding the consultation draft System Rules throughout May/June 2022;
- The release of Proposed Amendments to the System Rules (incorporating feedback received on the initial consultation draft System Rules) to Affected Persons on 14 June 2022;
- · A System Rules group forum with Affected Persons on 24 June 2022;
- · A follow-up System Rules group forum with Affected Persons on 8 July 2022; and
- Additional direct one-on-one engagements with Affected Persons (where required) and the Independent Expert throughout July 2022.

Aurizon Network extended the time period for Affected Persons to provide written submissions regarding the Proposed Amendments by a further 5 business days, to 29 July 2022. A copy of all confidential written submissions received from Affected Persons is provided at Appendix A.

Aurizon Network carefully considered the feedback received from Affected Persons and accordingly proposes a number of variations to the Proposed Amendments (**Variations**). The Variations are displayed via tracked changes to the Proposed Amendments and are provided at Appendix B. For clarity, the Variations have also been displayed via tracked changes to the existing System Rules at Appendix C.

In accordance with clause 7A.7.4(e)(iii) of UT5. Aurizon Network is also required to provide the QCA with an assessment of the submissions received and details of the impact the Proposed Amendments and Variations will or may have on the delivery of each Affected Persons' Train Service Entitlements. A Consultation Report is provided at Appendix D outlining this assessment.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Dixon at lauren.dixon@aurizon.com.au

Yours sincerely,

Jon Windle

Manager Regulation

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd

Appendices:

- A. A copy of all written submission received from Affected Persons
- B. Variations (with changes tracked against the Proposed Amendments)
- C. Variations (with changes tracked against the current approved System Rules¹)
- D. Consultation Report

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¹ Approved by the QCA on 14 September 2017