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Dear Energy Security Board,  
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Energy Guarantee. My comments are as follows:

1. Demand response is key to ensuring a stable grid in a renewable energy future - please ensure that demand response has the same freedom to bid into the market as a peaking generator.
2. The paper talks about supporting the government's Paris commitments. However the NEG must be structured so that it is an efficient mechanism under much higher emission reduction targets, which will be necessary if the world to to avoid dangerous climate change.
3. I disagree with the proposal to allow carbon offsets to be used to meet emission reductions targets. Whilst this might help achieve the targets at the lowest cost, is this really what consumers expect? If the ESB consulted the community I think you would find a majority expectation that grid emissions be reduced solely through zero or low emissions electricity, not through carbon offsets. I urge the ESB to consult customers before making a decision on whether to allow carbon offsets.
4. It is a shame that the NEG cannot include a price on carbon, due to political considerations. This constraint means that the NEG is not the most efficient way to achieve the goals of a stable, low emissions electricity sector

Thank you for your consideration.

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