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Dear Ms Bains

Blackwater system forecasts DAAU – decision notice

On 30 October 2024, Aurizon Network submitted a draft amending access undertaking (the Blackwater system forecasts DAAU) seeking to amend the monthly Blackwater system forecasts for 2024-25 in Schedule F of its 2017 access undertaking. On 6 December 2024, Aurizon Network provided additional clarification of the effects anticipated from the DAAU, including possible indirect impacts from the change.

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has approved Aurizon Network's DAAU.

The approved amendments reflect updated volume forecasts that better account for seasonal factors and pathing availability over the course of the year (as requested by the end user directly impacted by the change).

The QCA has made its decision in accordance with ss 142 and 143 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, having had regard to the matters mentioned in s 138(2) and the conditions set out in the QCA Act, including publishing the DAAU and seeking and considering submissions.

This letter will be published on the QCA website for stakeholders' information.

Yours sincerely

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