



ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
VARIATION OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE – ETM_01/1994

AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd
(ABN 78 079 798 173)

RECORD OF DECISION

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 29(1)(b) of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (the Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has varied the licence to transmit electricity issued to AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (ABN 78 079 798 173) (AusNet) (ETM_01/1994). The variations:

- include the assets connecting the southern and northern parts of the Bulgana wind farm (the Bulgana assets) in the definition of AusNet's electricity transmission system,
- include a definition of Bulgana wind farm,
- require AusNet to notify the commission if there is a change of control,
- require AusNet to maintain ongoing technical capacity,
- require AusNet to maintain records for at least 7 years,
- require AusNet to maintain adequate insurance,
- provide that the commission may vary the licence by notice for trivial or urgent matters,
- make administrative changes.

BACKGROUND

The application

On 15 February 2019, AusNet requested that the commission vary its licence to specifically provide for the transmission of electricity via Bulgana assets.

On 7 March 2019, we asked AusNet if it would agree to including the remaining conditions specified above. These conditions have been included in transmission licences issued since AusNet's licence was last varied.

On 12 March 2019, AusNet agreed to these variations.

Advertising the application

On 22 February 2019, the commission published a notice of AusNet's application to vary its licence in *The Age*. Submissions were open until 5pm, 8 March 2019. No submissions were received.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 29(1)(b) of the Industry Act provides that a licence or the licence conditions may be varied by agreement between the commission and the licensee.

DECISION

In accordance with section 29(1)(b) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* and the Industry Act, the commission has varied the licence to transmit electricity issued to AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (ABN 78 079 798 173) to:

- include the assets connecting the southern and northern parts of the Bulgana wind farm (the Bulgana assets) in the definition of AusNet's electricity transmission system,
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**THE COMMON SEAL of
THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES
COMMISSION**

was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the Commission on
21 March 2019



Dr Ron Ben-David
Chairperson

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