



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000  
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE**

**AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (ACN 079 798 173)**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**4 September 2019**

## SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (ACN 079 798 173) (AusNet) a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale using the Ballarat Energy Storage System located at the Ballarat Terminal Station, 124 Coulsons Rd, Warrenheip, Victoria.

## BACKGROUND

### ***Requirement to obtain a Licence***

Section 16(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale or the transmission, distribution, supply or sale of electricity, unless the person is:

- (a) the holder of a licence authorising the relevant activity; or
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the relevant activity.

### ***Entitlement to apply for a Licence***

Section 18(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale.

### ***The applicant***

On 22 July 2019, AusNet submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale.

### ***The application***

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's 'Guidance Notes for Applications for Electricity Industry Licences', AusNet provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

In particular, AusNet presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity.

On 29 July 2019, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application.

The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the Industry Act provides that the commission may grant or refuse the application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the *Industry Act* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (Vic) (Commission Act).

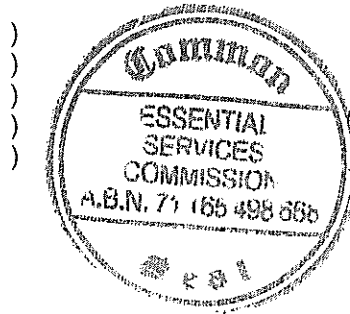
## DECISION

The commission is satisfied that AusNet:

- has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted;
- has the financial resources to perform the proposed activities; and
- is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to generate electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the Commission Act and the Industry Act, the commission has decided to grant AusNet a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale using the Ballarat Energy Storage System located at the Ballarat Terminal Station, 124 Coulsons Rd, Warrenheip, Victoria. The authorisation granted in the licence is subject to conditions specified in the licence.

**THE COMMON SEAL  
of THE ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES COMMISSION**  
was affixed pursuant to the  
authority of the Commission  
on 4 September 2019



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Kate Symons  
Acting Chairperson