



Essential Services Commission information session

Powercor Australia Ltd electricity
transmission licence application

May 2024

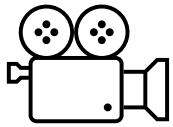


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Artist: Simone Thomson

Points to note



A reminder that this forum, including the questions and answers, is being recorded



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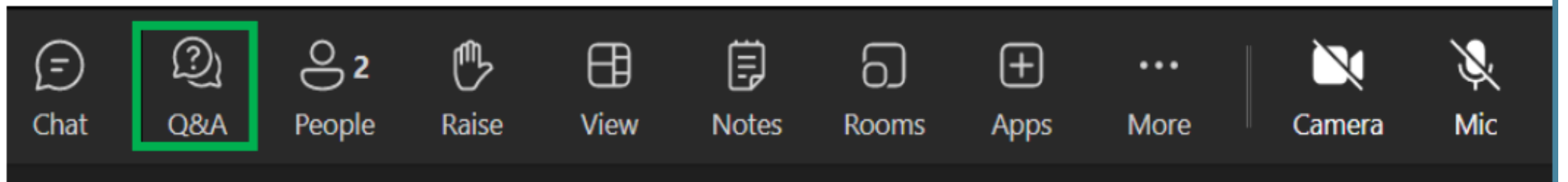
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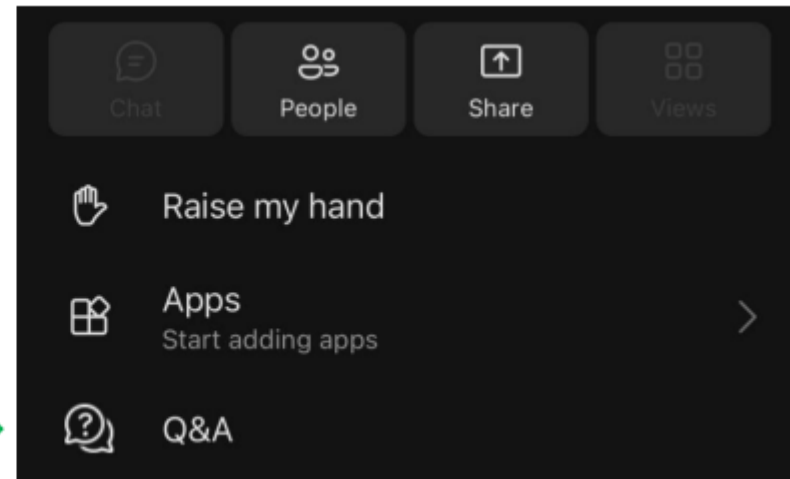
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Purpose of this forum

- Provide an overview of Powercor's application
- Explain our role and key parts of the licence assessment process
- Provide information on how you can provide feedback/submissions on Powercor's electricity transmission licence application

Powercor's application

Powercor has applied for a licence to transmit electricity under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

- It plans to use this licence to:

Deliver transmission infrastructure to connect generation projects and large load customers to the distribution network

- It is anticipated the infrastructure would have a capacity up to 220 kV.
- The application proposes to cover the same geographical area as its distribution licence.

Role of the Essential Services Commission in energy

In relation to electricity, we are responsible for:

- licensing businesses involved in transmitting electricity in Victoria under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*
- establishing and maintaining codes and guidelines
- promoting and enforcing compliance with the codes
- reporting on the performance of energy businesses and on energy prices.

Transmission licence application – what we assess

The commission will only grant a transmission licence where:

- it is satisfied that the applicant has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence
- the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a transmission licence
- it considers appropriate having regard to the commission's statutory objectives

Refer to our [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) for more information. The guideline includes information to assist people to understand our licensing process.

Content of a transmission licence

If a transmission licence is granted it may contain a range of standard conditions such as:

- Notices
- Grant of the licence
- Change of control
- Compliance with regulatory instruments
- Ongoing technical capacity

The commission may also include special licence conditions in a licence to limit the scope of the licensee's activities or address bespoke risks.

Stakeholder feedback

Interested persons are invited to make submissions on Powercor's application.

Submissions are due by 11 June 2024.

You can complete the survey and/or provide a submission via the Engage Victoria website:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/powercor-australia-limited-licence-application>

Or provide comments via email or mail:

- Email: licences@esc.vic.gov.au
- Mail: Essential Services Commission, Level 8, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

Unless you request otherwise, your name and your submission will generally be published on our website and made publicly available so others can see the information we consider in making decisions.

Stakeholder feedback - survey

- What effect on transmission infrastructure pricing do you think Powercor's transmission licence will have?
- If Powercor is granted a transmission licence, do you think this will have a positive impact on competition for the provision of transmission infrastructure?
- Do you have any views on Powercor's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?
- Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Powercor's electricity transmission licence?

Next steps

- **11 June 2024** – Submissions close 5.00 pm
- **June – July** – Consider all stakeholder feedback and assess documentation from Powercor
- **Late July/August** – Decision

Questions



Thank you for joining us today



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