



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

**Shell Energy Retail Pty Ltd
(ACN 126 175 460)**

RECORD OF DECISION

14 May 2024

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 Shell Energy Retail Pty Ltd (ACN 126 175 460) (Shell Energy Retail) a licence to sell electricity into the wholesale market generated by the Rangebank Battery Energy Storage System located in the vicinity of Cranbourne West, Victoria 3977 with a nameplate capacity of 200 MW / 400MWh.

BACKGROUND

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

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 and to sell electricity.

On 9 February 2024, Shell Energy Retail submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to sell electricity to the wholesale electricity market.

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's electricity generation licence application form and 'Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences', Shell Energy Retail provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 5 April 2024, 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:

- Shell Energy Retail has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- Shell Energy Retail is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to sell electricity to the wholesale electricity market 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 Shell Energy Retail a licence to sell electricity into the wholesale market in Victoria. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the sale of electricity generated by the Rangebank Battery Energy Storage System located in the vicinity of Cranbourne West, Victoria 3977.

**THE COMMON SEAL
of the ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION**
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 17 May 2024

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Kate Symons
Chairperson