



INFORMATION

Authority Initiated Electricity Licence Amendments

PRIORITY RESTORATION REGISTER

The Economic Regulation Authority has amended the following licences to include a requirement to create and maintain a priority restoration register:

- EDL1 (Electricity Networks Corporation (t/a Western Power));
- EDL2 (BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd);
- EDL3 (TEC Desert Pty Ltd & TEC Desert No. 2 Pty Ltd (t/a Southern Cross Energy Partnership));
- EDL4 (Newmont Power Pty Ltd);
- EIRL1 (EDL NGD (WA) Pty Ltd);
- EIRL2 (Regional Power Corporation (t/a Horizon Power));
- EIRL3 (Rottnest Island Authority); and
- EIRL4 (Western Energy Pty Limited, Pacific Hydro Group Two Pty Ltd & Energis Australia Pty Ltd (t/a Ord Hydro)).

The licences were amended on the Authority's initiative to implement the Authority's <u>Final</u> <u>Decision</u> - New Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers (19 July 2012). The new Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers (**Code**) was gazetted on 9 November 2012 and will come into effect on 1 January 2013. The Authority's decision included to move the current obligation on distributors to have a priority restoration register from the Code to the electricity licences that cover distribution.

In addition, a number of minor amendments of a structural and typographical nature have been made to the licences to better implement the Authority's Final Decision - Electricity Licence Review 2010 (1 December 2010).

All licensees were notified of the proposed changes and given 15 business days to make comments. Five submissions were received, three in support and two raising a number of issues.

Consistent with the public consultation process outlined in the Authority's *Public Consultation Guidelines – For Electricity, Gas and Water Licence Applications and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts, the Authority decided that the issues raised do not warrant a further round of public consultation.*

The licence amendments are effective 1 January 2013 under section 22 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*.

Copies of the Authority's <u>Decision</u>, <u>submissions</u> and <u>the amended licences</u> are available on the Authority's website.

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