



Electricity Integrated Regional Licence

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Economic Regulation Authority

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2004 (WA)

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 In this *licence*, the following definitions apply unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (WA).

applicable legislation means:

- (a) the *Act*; and
- (b) the *Regulations* and the *Codes* ~~that apply to the licensee.~~

approved scheme means a scheme approved under section 92 of the *Act*.

~~**Authority** means the Economic Regulation Authority.~~

business day means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Public Holiday in Western Australia.

Code means:

- (a) the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers 2018* ~~or any such replacement Code approved pursuant to section 79 of the Act;~~
- (b) the *Electricity Industry (Customer Transfer) Code 2004*~~16~~;
- (c) the *Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2012*; and
- (d) the *Electricity Industry (Network Quality and Reliability of Supply) Code 2005*.

commencement date means the date the licence was first granted by the *ERA* being the date specified in clause 2.2.

connection point has the meaning given to that term in regulation 35 of the *Electricity Industry (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2005*.

customer has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

default supplier has the meaning given to that term in regulation 35 of the *Electricity Industry (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2005*.

distribution system has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

electricity has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

electricity marketing agent has the meaning given to that term in section 78 of the *Act*.

electronic means means:

- (a) the internet;
- (b) email, being:

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Commented [ERA2]: New definition used below – ERA

Commented [AK3]: The *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers 2016* is currently under review, with the 2018 Code to take effect on 1 July 2018.

The new versions of electricity licences that will adopt the changes approved by the ERA as part of the Electricity Licence Review 2018 will also come into effect on 1 July 2018.

- (i) in relation to the *ERA*, the *ERA*'s email address as notified to the *licensee*; and
 - (ii) in relation to the *licensee*, the email address specified in the licence application or other such email address as notified in writing to the *ERA*; or
 - (iii) any other similar means,
- but does not include facsimile or telephone.

ERA means the Economic Regulation Authority.

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expiry date means the date specified in clause 2.3.

generating works has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

individual performance standards mean any standards prescribed by the *ERA* for an individual *licensee* pursuant to clause 5.2 of the *licence*.

interruption means the temporary unavailability of *supply* from the *distribution system* to a *customer* but does not include disconnection.

licence means:

- (a) this document (excluding the title page and the second page of this document);
- (b) any Schedules to this document; and
- (c) any individual *performance standards* approved by the *ERA* pursuant to clause 5.2.

licence area is the area stated in clause 2.5 of this *licence*.

licensee means <Licensee Name>, <ABN/CAN>.

licensee's assets means the *licensee's distribution system, transmission system or generating works* (as the case may be).

non-standard contract has the meaning given to that term in section 47 of the *Act*.

notice means a written notice, agreement, consent, direction, representation, advice, statement or other communication required or given pursuant to, or in connection with, this *licence*.

operate has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

performance audit means an audit of the effectiveness of measures taken by the *licensee* to meet the *performance criteria* in this *licence*.

performance criteria means:

- (a) the terms and conditions of the *licence*; and
- (b) any other relevant matter in connection with the *applicable legislation* that the *ERA* determines should form part of the *performance audit*.

priority restoration register means a register, process or document that determines the order of restoration of power in the event of an unplanned *interruption*.

publish in relation to a report or information means either:

- (a) posting the report or information on the *licensee's* website; or
- (b) sending the report or information to the *ERA* to be published on the *ERA's* website.

Regulations means:

- (a) *Economic Regulation Authority (Licensing Funding) Regulations 2014*;
- (b) *Electricity Industry (Code of Conduct) Regulations 2005*;
- (c) *Electricity Industry (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2005*;
- (d) *Electricity Industry (Licence Conditions) Regulations 2005*;
- (e) *Electricity Industry (Obligation to Connect) Regulations 2005*; and
- (f) *Electricity Industry (Ombudsman Scheme) Regulations 2005*.

related body corporate has the meaning given to that term in section 50 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth)*.

Reviewable decision means a decision by the *ERA* pursuant to:

- (g) clause ~~13.2~~ 3.8.3;
- (h) clause ~~14.2~~ 5.1.5;
- (i) clause ~~14.4~~ 5.1.7;
- (j) clause ~~17.3~~ 5.2.2;
- (k) clause ~~20.5~~ 5.3.2; or
- (l) clause ~~20.7~~ 5.3.4.

of this *licence*.

small use customer has the same meaning as the meaning given to "customer" in section 47 of the *Act*.

South West Interconnected System has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

standard form contract has the meaning given to that term in section 47 of the *Act*.

supplier of last resort has the meaning given to that term in section 69(1) of the *Act*.

supply has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

transmission system has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the *Act*.

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version date means the date on which the *licence* was last amended pursuant to clause 3.1 or clause 3.2.

1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 A reference in this *licence* to any *applicable legislation* includes, unless the context otherwise requires, any statutory modification, amendment, replacement or re-enactment of that *applicable legislation*.

2. LICENCE AUTHORISATION

2.1 Activities authorised under this licence

2.1.1 The *licensee* is granted a *licence* for the *licence area* to:

- (a) construct and *operate generating works* or *operate existing generating works*;
- (b) construct and *operate a new transmission system* or *operate an existing transmission system*;
- (c) construct and *operate a new distribution system* or *operate an existing distribution system*; and
- (d) sell *electricity to customers*;

in accordance with the terms and conditions of this *licence* and for the purpose of *supplying electricity to customers* otherwise than through the *South West Interconnected System*.

2.2 Commencement date

2.2.1 <insert date>

2.3 Expiry date

2.3.1 <insert expiry date>

2.4 Term [Section 15 of the Act]

2.4.1 This *licence* commences on the *commencement date* and continues until the earlier of:

- (a) the cancellation of the *licence* pursuant to clause 3.5 of this *licence*;
- (b) the surrender of the *licence* pursuant to clause 3.6 of this *licence*; or
- (c) the *expiry date*.

2.5 Licence area

2.5.1 The *licence area* is set out in plan(s):

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Commented [ERA7]: "Not Used" will be inserted where the individual sub-clause is not relevant (for example, if a licensee is only authorised to operate a distribution system).

Commented [ERA8]: Where a retail licensee has a restriction on the classes of customer it is authorised to supply, this sub-clause will be amended accordingly. For example, if a retail licensee is prohibited from supplying small use customers or residential customers, this sub-clause will reflect the retail activities that are currently authorised by Schedule 1, clause 4 in its licence.

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Commented [ERA11]: Currently licence clause 3

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2.5.2 The *licence area* plan(s) is provided in Schedule 2.

3. LICENCE ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Amendment of licence by the licensee [Section 21 of the Act]

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3.1.1 The *licensee* may apply to the *ERA* to amend the *licence* in accordance with the *Act*.

3.2 Amendment of licence by the ERA [Section 22 of the Act]

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3.2.1 Subject to any *applicable legislation*, the *ERA* may amend the *licence* at any time in accordance with this clause.

3.2.2 Before amending the *licence* under clause 3.2.1, the *ERA* must:

- (a) provide the *licensee* with written *notice* of the proposed amendments under consideration by the *ERA*;
- (b) allow 15 *business days* for the *licensee* to make submissions on the proposed amendments; and
- (c) take into consideration those submissions.

3.2.3 This clause also applies to the substitution of the existing *licence*.

3.2.4 For avoidance of doubt, the *licensee* will not have to pay a fee for amendments under clause 3.2.1.

3.3 Transfer of licence [Section 18 of the Act]

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3.3.1 This *licence* may be transferred only in accordance with the *Act*.

3.4 Renewal of licence [Section 16 of the Act]

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3.4.1 This *licence* may be renewed only in accordance with the *Act*.

3.5 Cancellation of licence [Section 35 of the Act]

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3.5.1 This *licence* may be cancelled only in accordance with the *Act*.

3.6 Surrender of licence [Schedule 1 of the Act]

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3.6.1 The *licensee* may only surrender the *licence* pursuant to this clause 3.6.

3.6.2 If the *licensee* intends to surrender the *licence* the *licensee* must, by *notice* in writing to the *ERA*:

- (a) set out the date that the *licensee* wishes the surrender of the *licence* to be effective; and

- (b) set out the reasons why the *licensee* wishes to surrender the *licence*, including the reasons why it would not be contrary to the public interest for the surrender of the *licence* to be effective on the date set out in the *notice*.

3.6.3 Upon receipt of the *notice* from the *licensee* pursuant to clause 3.6.2, the *ERA* will publish the *notice*.

3.6.4 Notwithstanding clause 3.6.2, the surrender of the *licence* will only take effect on the later of the day that:

- (a) the *ERA* publishes a notice of the surrender in the Western Australian Government Gazette, such date to be at the discretion of the *ERA*; and
- (b) the *licensee* hands back the *licence* to the *ERA*.

3.6.5 The *licensee* will not be entitled to a refund of any fees by the *ERA*.

3.7 Notices

Commented [ERA19]: Currently licence clause 18

3.7.1 Unless otherwise specified, all *notices* must be in writing.

3.7.2 A *notice* will be regarded as having been sent and received:

- (a) when delivered in person to the addressee; or
- (b) three *business days* after the date of posting if the *notice* is posted in Western Australia; or
- (c) five *business days* after the date of posting if the *notice* is posted outside Western Australia; or
- (d) if sent by facsimile when, according to the sender's transmission report, the *notice* has been successfully received by the addressee; or
- (e) if sent by *electronic means* when, according to the sender's electronic record, the *notice* has been successfully sent to the addressee.

3.8 Publishing information [Schedule 1 of the Act]

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3.8.1 The *ERA* may direct the *licensee* to *publish*, within a specified timeframe, any information it considers relevant in connection with the *licensee* or the performance by the *licensee* of its obligations under this *licence*.

3.8.2 Subject to clause 3.8.3, the *licensee* must *publish* the information referred to in clause 3.8.1.

3.8.3 If the *licensee* considers that the information is confidential it must:

- (a) immediately notify the *ERA*; and
- (b) seek a review of the *ERA*'s decision in accordance with clause 3.9.

3.8.4 Once it has reviewed the decision, the *ERA* will direct the *licensee* in accordance with the review to:

- (a) *publish* the information;
- (b) *publish* the information with the confidential information removed or modified; or
- (c) not *publish* the information.

3.9 Review of the ERA's decisions

Commented [ERA21]: Currently licence clause 19

- 3.9.1 The *licensee* may seek a review of a *reviewable decision* by the *ERA* pursuant to this *licence* in accordance with the following procedure:
- (a) the *licensee* shall make a submission on the subject of the *reviewable decision* within 10 *business days* (or other period as approved by the *ERA*) of the decision; and
 - (b) the *ERA* will consider the submission and provide the *licensee* with a written response within 20 *business days*.
- 3.9.2 For avoidance of doubt, this clause does not apply to a decision of the *ERA* pursuant to the *Act*, nor does it restrict the *licensee's* right to have a decision of the *ERA* reviewed in accordance with the *Act*.

4. GENERAL LICENCE OBLIGATIONS

4.1 Compliance with applicable legislation

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- 4.1.1 Subject to any modifications or exemptions granted pursuant to the *Act*, the *licensee* must comply with any *applicable legislation*.

4.2 Fees

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- 4.2.1 The *licensee* must pay the applicable fees and charges in accordance with the *Regulations*.

4.3 Accounting records [Schedule 1 of the Act]

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- 4.3.1 The *licensee* and any *related body corporate* must maintain accounting records that comply with standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board or equivalent International Accounting Standards.

4.4 Reporting a change in circumstances

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- 4.4.1 The *licensee* must report to the *ERA*:
- (a) if the *licensee* is under external administration as defined by the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth)* within 2 *business days* of such external administration occurring; or
 - (b) if the *licensee*:
 - (i) experiences a change in the *licensee's* corporate, financial or technical circumstances upon which this *licence* was granted; and
 - (ii) the change may materially affect the *licensee's* ability to perform its obligations under this *licence*,

within 10 *business days* of the change occurring; or

(c) if the:

- (i) *licensee's* name;
- (ii) *licensee's* ABN; or
- (iii) *licensee's* address,

changes, within 10 *business days* of the change occurring.

4.5 **Provision of information** **[Schedule 1 of the Act]**

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4.5.1 The *licensee* must provide to the *ERA*, in the manner and form described by the *ERA*, specified *information on any matter* relevant to the operation or enforcement of the *licence*, the operation of the licensing scheme provided for in Part 2 of the *Act*, or the performance of the *ERA's* functions under that Part.

5. **AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

5.1 **Asset management system** **[Section 14 of the Act]**

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5.1.1 The *licensee* must provide for an *asset management system* in respect of the *licensee's* assets.

5.1.2 The *licensee* must notify the *ERA* of the details of the *asset management system* within 5 *business days* from the later of:

- (a) the *commencement date*; and
- (b) the completion of construction of the *licensee's* assets.

5.1.3 The *licensee* must notify the *ERA* of any substantial change to the *asset management system* within 10 *business days* of such change.

5.1.4 The *licensee* must provide the *ERA* with a report by an independent expert, acceptable to the *ERA*, as to the effectiveness of the *asset management system* not less than once in every period of 24 months calculated from the *commencement date* (or any longer period that the *ERA* allows by *notice* in writing).

5.1.5 The *licensee* must comply, and must require the *licensee's* expert to comply, with the *ERA's* standard audit guidelines.

5.1.6 The *licensee* may seek a review of any of the requirements of the *ERA's* standard audit guidelines dealing with the *asset management system* in accordance with clause 3.9.

5.1.7 The review of the *asset management system* must be conducted by an independent expert approved by the *ERA*. If the *licensee* fails to nominate an independent expert within one month of the date that the review of the *asset management system* was due, or the independent expert nominated by the *licensee* is rejected on two successive occasions by the *ERA*, the *ERA* may choose an independent expert to conduct the review of the *asset management system*.

5.2 Individual performance standards

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- 5.2.1 Performance standards are contained in *applicable legislation*.
- 5.2.2 The *ERA* may prescribe *individual performance standards* applying to the *licensee* in respect of the *licensee's* obligations under this *licence* or the *applicable legislation*.
- 5.2.3 Before approving any *individual performance standards* under this clause, the *ERA* will:
 - (a) provide the *licensee* with a copy of the proposed *individual performance standards*;
 - (b) allow 15 *business days* for the *licensee* to make submissions on the proposed *individual performance standards*; and
 - (c) take into consideration those submissions.
- 5.2.4 Once approved by the *ERA*, the *individual performance standards* are included as additional *terms and conditions* to this *licence*.

5.3 Performance audit [Section 13 of the Act]

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- 5.3.1 The *licensee* must, unless otherwise notified in writing by the *ERA*, provide the *ERA* with a *performance audit* within 24 months after the *commencement date*, and every 24 months thereafter.
- 5.3.2 The *licensee* must comply, and must require the *licensee's* auditor to comply, with the *ERA's* standard audit guidelines.
- 5.3.3 The *licensee* may seek a review of any of the requirements of the *ERA's* standard audit guidelines in accordance with clause 3.9.
- 5.3.4 The *performance audit* must be conducted by an independent auditor approved by the *ERA*. If the *licensee* fails to nominate an auditor within one month of the date that the *performance audit* was due, or the auditor nominated by the *licensee* is rejected on two successive occasions by the *ERA*, the *ERA* may choose an independent auditor to conduct the *performance audit*.

6. CUSTOMERS

6.1 Approved Scheme [Section 101 of the Act]

Commented [ERA30]: Currently licence clause 21

- 6.1.1 The *licensee* must not *supply electricity* to *small use customers* unless the *licensee* is:
 - (a) a member of an *approved scheme*; and
 - (b) bound by, and compliant with, any decision or direction of the electricity ombudsman under the *approved scheme*.

6.2 Determination of Default Supplier

Commented [ERA31]: Currently licence clause 22

- 6.2.1 The *licensee* must determine, from time to time, the *default supplier* for each *connection point* that connects to a *distribution system operated* by the *licensee*.

6.3 **Marketers**

Commented [ERA32]: Currently licence clause 23

6.3.1 The *licensee* must ensure that an *electricity marketing agent* of the *licensee* complies with the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers*.

6.4 **Customer Contracts** **[Section 54 of the Act]**

Commented [ERA33]: Currently licence clause 24

6.4.1 Subject to the *Regulations*, the *licensee* must not *supply electricity* to a *small use customer* otherwise than under:

- (a) a *standard form contract*; or
- (b) a *non-standard contract* that complies with the *Act*.

6.4.2 The *licensee* must, if directed by the *ERA*, review the *standard form contract* and submit to the *ERA* the results of that review within the time specified by the *ERA*.

6.4.3 The *licensee* must comply with any direction given by the *ERA* in relation to the scope, process or methodology of the review referred to in clause 6.4.2.

6.5 **Amending the Standard Form Contract** **[Section 52 of the Act]**

Commented [ERA34]: Currently licence clause 25

6.5.1 The *licensee* may only amend the *standard form contract* with the *ERA*'s approval.

6.5.2 The *licensee* may amend the *standard form contract* at any time by submitting to the *ERA*:

- (a) a proposed amendment to the *standard form contract*; or
- (b) a proposed substituted *standard form contract*.

6.5.3 The *ERA* may:

- (a) approve the amendment to the *standard form contract* or substituted *standard form contract*; or
- (b) specify the amendments the *licensee* must make to the amended or substituted *standard form contract* before the *ERA* will amend the *standard form contract*,
and notify the *licensee* of its decision within a reasonable time.

6.5.4 The *ERA* may, at any time, by *notice* in writing, direct the *licensee* to amend the *standard form contract* by specifying:

- (a) the amendments to be made to the *standard form contract*; and
- (b) the latest date at which the amendments will come into force.

6.6 **Directions by the ERA to amend Standard Form Contract** **[Section 53 of the Act]**

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6.6.1 The *licensee* must comply with any direction given by the *ERA* pursuant to section 53 of the *Act*.

6.7 Supplier of Last Resort
[Section 76 of the Act]

Commented [ERA36]: Currently licence clause 27

6.7.1 If the *licensee* is designated a *supplier of last resort* under the *Act*, the *licensee* must perform the functions of the *supplier of last resort*.

6.8 Notification of Last Resort

Commented [ERA37]: Currently licence clause 28

6.8.1 Where the *licensee* becomes aware of a *small use customer* taking a *supply of electricity* that is deemed to be supplied under the *licensee's standard form contract* in accordance with the *Electricity Industry (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2005*, the *licensee* must, within five days after becoming aware, notify the *small use customer* in writing:

- (a) that the *licensee* is the *default supplier* for that *connection point*; and
- (b) the effect of regulation 37 of the *Electricity Industry (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2005*.

6.9 Priority Restoration Register

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- 6.9.1 The *licensee* must create and maintain a *priority registration register*.
- 6.9.2 The *priority restoration register* must relate to all *customers* of the *licensee* including but not limited to *small use customers*.
- 6.9.3 The *priority registration register* must comply with any criteria determined by the Minister.

This clause is only included in integrated regional licences that authorise the licensee to construct and operate a distribution system.

Schedule 1 – Additional Licence Clauses

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Schedule 2 – Licence Area **Maps** **Plans**

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Amendment Record Sheet

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