

Notice

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Peel Renewable Energy Pty Ltd

2025 performance audits

The Economic Regulation Authority has published the report for the 2025 <u>performance audits</u> of Peel Renewable Energy Pty Ltd's electricity distribution and retail licences EDL7 and ERL28, respectively.

Peel owns and operates a microgrid in Peel Business Park, 70 kilometres south of Perth in the Shire of Murray. Peel currently supplies 10 large use commercial customers and did not supply any small use customers during the audit period.¹

Peel was a subsidiary of Tas Gas Holding Pty Ltd until August 2022, when it was acquired by Zenith Energy Pty Ltd.

The ERA's decision

The ERA has decided to maintain the audit periods at 36 months, as Peel has achieved a good level of compliance with its licences.

The next audits will cover the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028, with the reports due by 31 July 2028.

Audit findings

The audits of the 184 licence obligations applicable to Peel's two licences found three non-compliances and no control deficiencies.

The non-compliances were all with the distribution licence:

- Peel's asset management system was found ineffective during the 2024 <u>review</u> of the system by an independent expert, which is a licence non-compliance.
- Peel did not publish Communication Rules for the microgrid.²
- Peel did not publish its Metrology Procedure within the required timeframe.³

¹ A 'large use customer' is a customer who consumes more than 160 megawatt hours of electricity per year.

Communication Rules define the processes, procedures and methods to communicate between the network operator and network users (generators and retailers); for example, when a retailer requests metering services at the network connection point.

³ A Metrology Procedure sets out a network operator's procedures for the provision, installation, maintenance and reading of meters.

The auditor did not make any recommendations because:

- Peel is addressing the asset management system deficiencies through its 2024 post-review implementation plan.
- Communication Rules are not required while Peel is the network operator and only retailer on the microgrid.
- Peel published its Metrology Procedure during the audit period.

The ERA's assessment of the audit findings

Peel is rectifying the non-compliance for the ineffective asset management system and the next review of Peel's asset management system is in 2026.

The *Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2012* is designed for large networks with many users, such as the South West Interconnected System. There are some parts of the Metering Code, such as the development and publication of Communication Rules, that are challenging for small network operators to comply with, due to the nature and size of their operations. There is little practical benefit in requiring Peel to develop Communication Rules while it is the network operator and only retailer on the microgrid.

The late publication of Peel's Metrology Procedure was an administrative non-compliance that had no effect on the service provided to its customers and was resolved during the audit period.

Further information

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