

NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND RETAIL LICENCES

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has received three applications for Electricity Generation, Retail and Transmission Licences under the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (Act).

Alinta Cogeneration (Wagerup) Pty Ltd (Alinta Cogeneration) has lodged an application for an Electricity Generation Licence which was received by the Authority on 7 February 2006. Alinta Cogeneration intends constructing generation facilities at the Alcoa Alumina Refinery in Wagerup. The project will be in two stages.

In stage one, Alinta Cogeneration intends building and operating two 175.5MW peaking capacity generating plants powered by either natural gas or distillate fuel. It is expected the plants will be commissioned in October 2007.

Stage two of the generation proposal involves converting the stage one plants to a cogeneration operation through the installation of heat recovery generators and a steam turbine.

Alinta Cogeneration also applied for an Electricity Transmission Licence on 27 February 2006. The application relates to a transmission line (to be installed by Western Power) to connect Alinta's cogeneration power plant at Alcoa's Wagerup Refinery in the Shire of Waroona with Western Power's proposed terminal at Landwehr.

Premier Power Sales Pty Ltd lodged an application with the Authority for an Electricity Retail Licence on 2 March 2006. The application relates to the wholesale purchase of electricity and the retail sale of electricity and associated activities within the South West interconnected system (SWIS).

Under section 19 of the Act the Authority must, subject to the requirement that it is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so, grant a licence if it is satisfied that the applicant:—

- a) has, and is likely to retain; or
- b) will acquire within a reasonable time after the grant, and is then likely to retain,

the financial and technical resources to undertake the activities authorised, or to be authorised, by the licence.

Under section 19 of the Act, the Authority must take all reasonable steps to decide whether to grant a licence within 90 days of the application being made.

The information provided by the applicant is attached.

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