Decision on Amendment to add Kalbarri Wind Farm to the Licence Area of Electricity Generation Licence 7 – Verve Energy

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DECISION

- On 20 June 2007, Electricity Generation Corporation (Verve Energy) ABN 58 673 830 106 submitted an application to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) to amend its Electricity Generation Licence 7. The amendment proposes the addition of the Kalbarri wind farm to Verve Energy's licence area. The wind farm is located 25 km south of the Kalbarri township on Lot 11, George Grey Drive Yallabatharra.
- 2. The licence amendment was made pursuant to section 21 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (**Act**).
- 3. Pursuant to sections 9 and 21 of the Act, the Authority approves the amendment of Electricity Generation Licence 7.

REASONS

- Pursuant to section 21 of the Act, the Authority may amend a licence if it is satisfied that the Applicant: has made the application in a form approved by the Authority; paid the prescribed application fee; and where a requirement has been made for additional information the relevant information has been provided to the Authority.
- 2. Section 9 of the Act states that the Authority must not exercise a power conferred by Division 3 of the Act (general licensing provisions) unless the Authority is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.
- 3. A notice regarding receipt of the Application was published on the Authority's web site in June 2007. The Authority received no objections to amendment of the licence.
- 4. In its consideration of the Application, the Authority considered the public interest, including the matters set out in section 8(5) of the Act as required by section 9(2). Accordingly, the Authority is satisfied that approval of the amendment to Electricity Generation Licence 7 would not be contrary to the public interest.
- 5. The Authority has therefore decided to approve the amendment to Electricity Generation Licence 7.
- 6. As required by section 23(1) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the amendment in the *Government Gazette* as soon as is practicable.

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