

Amendments to Rottnest Island Authority Standard Form Contract

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DECISION

1. Pursuant to section 52 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004 (Act)*, the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) approves the amendments to the standard form contract for the supply of electricity to small use customers submitted by Rottneest Island Authority (**RIA**).

REASONS

2. On 6 April 2009, RIA submitted draft amendments to the standard form contract under which the licensee supplies electricity to its small use customers. The amendments were made in response to recommendations made by RIA's auditor in its 2008 electricity licence operational/performance audit report, and to ensure consistency with the current legal requirements. The Authority provided feedback on the draft amendments which resulted in RIA submitting a revised version of the contract on 31 July 2009.
3. On 19 August 2009, the Authority released a notice inviting public submissions on RIA's amended standard form contract. In accordance with the Authority's *Public Consultation Guidelines – For Electricity, Gas & Water Licences and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts (July 2006)*, the Authority provided for a public consultation period of at least 15 business days.
4. The public consultation period closed at 4pm, Wednesday, 9 September 2009. The Authority received no public submissions.
5. Under section 52(2), in conjunction with section 51(2), of the Act, the Authority must not approve a standard form contract if it considers that the contract will not meet the requirements of the regulations in respect of such contracts, or will be inconsistent with the Act or any other written law, or will be inconsistent with any term, condition or provision of the licence concerned. The Authority engaged its legal advisors to undertake the compliance review for RIA's amended standard form contract.
6. The Authority has considered RIA's amended standard form contract submitted under section 52 of the Act and the advice provided by the Authority's legal advisors and is satisfied that the contract meets the requirements of section 51 of the Act.

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