

Decision to Amend Electricity Integrated Regional Licence 2 – Horizon Power

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DECISION

1. On 25 June 2009, the Regional Power Corporation (Horizon Power) submitted an application to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) to amend its Electricity Integrated Regional Licence 2. The amendment proposes to include the following Indigenous communities in its integrated regional licence, as part of its Town Reserve Regularisation Project:
 - Nicholson Camp in Halls Creek;
 - Red Hill (Lundja) in Halls Creek;
 - Koongie Park in Halls Creek;
 - Wongatha Wonganarra in Laverton; and
 - Bondini in Wiluna.
2. The licence amendment request 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 Integrated Regional Licence 2.

REASONS

1. 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, on 8 July 2009. The Authority received no objections in relation to the 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 Integrated Regional Licence 2 would not be contrary to the public interest.
5. The Authority has therefore decided to approve the amendment to Electricity Integrated Regional Licence 2.

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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