

Decision on Amendment to Electricity Transmission Licence Application – Karara Power Pty Ltd

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DECISION

1. On 9 December 2010, Karara Power Pty Ltd, ACN 137 632 001 submitted an application to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) to amend its Electricity Transmission Licence 6.
2. The amendment expands Karara Power's licence area to include the construction, operation and maintenance of a substation at Three Springs and a further thirteen kilometres of 330kV transmission line from the southern portion of Karara's transmission line to Western Power's Eneabba substation. 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 Transmission Licence 6.

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 website, on 10 January 2011. 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 Transmission Licence 6.

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CHAIRMAN