

# Decision on amendment of Electricity Generation Licence 7 (EGL7)

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## DECISION

1. In accordance with section 21 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004 (Act)*, the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to the Electricity Generation Corporation's (t/a **Verve Energy**) Electricity Generation Licence 7 (**EGL7**).
2. The amendment to EGL7 is to remove the Greenough River Solar Farm (**Facility**) and the accompanying operating area ERA-EL-124 from EGL7.
3. Pursuant to clause 15(c) of EGL7, Verve Energy has reported to the Authority a change in the nameplate capacity of the generating works from 3464.6 MW to 3401 MW. The change includes the removal of the Facility and some other minor capacity updates.
4. 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.

## REASONS

5. Verve Energy advised the Authority on 20 June 2012 of the transfer of registration of the Facility to the Greenough River Solar Farm Pty Ltd. Accordingly, Verve Energy requested EGL7 to be amended to remove the Facility and the accompanying operating area. Verve Energy advised that the Independent Market Operator approved the transfer of registration of the Facility on 14 June 2012.
6. The Authority published a notice on its website on 25 June 2012 to seek public comment on the proposed licence amendment. The due date for the submissions was 16 July 2012. The Authority did not receive any public submissions regarding the matter.
7. Pursuant to section 21 of the Act, the Authority may amend a licence if the applicant has made the application in a form approved by the Authority and paid the prescribed application fee. Verve Energy has satisfied these requirements.
8. Section 9(1) of the Act states that the Authority must not exercise a power conferred by Part 2, 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.
9. Section 9(2) of the Act provides that, when determining whether the exercise of the power would not be contrary to the public interest, the Authority must, without limiting the other matters that may be taken into account, take into account the matters referred to in section 8(5) of the Act.
10. The Authority has not found any evidence that granting the amendment would be contrary to the public interest. Accordingly, the Authority has decided to approve the amendment to EGL7.