

Decision on Amendment to Electricity Integrated Regional Licence (EIRL2)

Regional Power Corporation (trading as Horizon Power)

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DECISION

1. In accordance with section 21 of *the Electricity Industry Act 2004* (**Electricity Act**) the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has amended Electricity Integrated Regional Licence (**EIRL2**) held by the Regional Power Corporation (trading as **Horizon Power**).
2. Three licence area maps:
 - ERA-EL-017(E) (Halls Creek);
 - ERA-EL-023(B) (Meekatharra); and
 - ERA-EL-050(C) (Karratha),have been amended on application from Horizon Power.
3. As required by section 23(1) of the Electricity Act, the Authority will publish a notice of the amendments in the Government Gazette as soon as is practicable.

REASONS

4. On 1 November 2012, Horizon Power applied for the following amendments to three of its approved operating areas:
 - For ERA-EL-17(D) (Halls Creek Licence Area) a minor amendment was sought to supply power to proposed new Telstra infrastructure.
 - For ERA-EL-23(A) (Meekatharra Licence Area) a minor amendment was sought to supply new property subdivisions.
 - For ERA-EL-50(B) (Karratha Licence Area) a minor amendment was sought to accommodate new property subdivisions; include a proposed new power station; and make a minor correction of the shape of the map.
5. The application was made in accordance with the requirements of section 21 of the Electricity Act.
6. The Authority's *Public Consultation Guidelines - For Electricity, Gas & Water Licences and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts (July 2006)* provide that if, in the Authority's view, an amendment to a licence is minor, subject to its legislative obligations, the Authority will not generally engage in public consultation.
7. The Authority has considered the proposed amendments and is of the view that they are minor. Therefore, the Authority has not undertaken public consultation on the proposed amendments.
8. Section 9(1) of the Electricity Act states that the Authority must not exercise a power conferred by Part 2, Division 3 of the Electricity Act unless the Authority is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.

9. Section 9(2) of the Electricity 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 Electricity Act.
10. The Authority has not found any evidence that the proposed amendments would be contrary to the public interest. Accordingly, the Authority has decided to amend EIRL2 in accordance with the proposed amendment.