

Decision on Retail Licence Application for Premier Power Sales Pty Ltd

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DECISION

1. On 1 March 2006, Premier Power Sales Pty Ltd ABN 33 065 618 019 (**Applicant**) submitted an application to the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) for a Retail Licence for the sale of electricity to commercial and/or industrial customers, within the South West interconnected system (SWIS) in Western Australia.
2. The Retail Licence Application was made pursuant to section 10 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (**Act**).
3. Pursuant to sections 9 and 19 of the Act, the Authority approves the grant of a Retail Licence to the Applicant to supply electricity subject to, and in accordance with, the terms set out in the Retail Licence for a period of 15 years.

REASONS

1. The Authority engaged Stamfords Advisors and Consultants Ltd (**Stamfords**) to examine the financial capacity of the Applicant to undertake the activities authorised by the Retail Licence. Following its assessment, Stamfords concluded that the Applicant has access to and will likely retain the financial resources to undertake the activities authorised by the Retail Licence under the Act.
2. The Authority engaged ESTA Utilities Pty Ltd (**ESTA**) to examine the technical capacity of the Applicant to undertake activities authorised by the Retail Licence. Following its assessment, ESTA concluded that the Applicant has and will retain the technical resources to undertake the functions authorised by the Retail Licence under the Act.
3. The Authority has considered the Retail Licence Application and the advisers' reports and is satisfied that the Applicant meets the requirements of section 19(1) of the Act.
4. 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.
5. Following receipt of the Retail Licence Application, a notice regarding receipt of the Retail Licence Application was published on the Authority's website in March 2006. The Authority did not receive any comments or objections to the grant of the Retail Licence to the Applicant.
6. 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). The Authority is satisfied that approval of a Retail Licence to the Applicant would not be contrary to the public interest.
7. The Authority has therefore decided to grant a Retail Licence to the Applicant for the sale of electricity to commercial and/or industrial customers within the SWIS for a period of 15 years.
8. As required by section 23(1) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the Application in the *Government Gazette* as soon as is practicable.