



Economic Regulation Authority

Decision on electricity distribution and electricity retail licence amendment application

Eglinton Village Energy Pty Ltd

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1. Introduction

In accordance with section 26(1)(g) of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003* (ERA Act), this document sets out the ERA's decision on the electricity distribution and electricity retail licence amendment application from Eglington Village Energy Pty Ltd (EV-Energy) and the matters it considered in making its decision.

A summary of EV-Energy's licence amendment application is available on the [ERA's website](#).

1.1 Decision

Pursuant to sections 9 and 21 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (Electricity Act), the ERA has approved an amendment of the licence area of EV-Energy's electricity distribution and retail licences EDL10 and ERL33. Both licence documents and maps of the licenced areas are published on the [ERA's website](#).

As required by section 23(1) of the Electricity Act, the ERA will publish a notice of the amendment of EDL10 and ERL33 in the Government Gazette as soon as practicable.

2. Background

On 23 September 2025, EV-Energy applied to amend its licence area. The amendment was to add three new locations to the existing licence area to allow EV-Energy to construct and operate distribution systems, and to retail electricity at three new land developments.

The three new distribution systems are part of microgrids that EV-Energy will construct at the Muchea Industrial Park, Busselton Gateway Airport Industrial Park and Busselton Home HQ. The microgrids will include solar-generation and batteries, and will be connected to the South West Interconnected System.

The customers at the three new land developments will be both small use and large use commercial and industrial customers. A 'small use customer' is a customer who consumes not more than 160 MWh of electricity per year. There will be no residential customers in the three new land developments.

2.1 Public consultation

On 9 October 2025, the ERA [published a notice](#) seeking public comment on the licence amendment application. The public consultation period closed on 30 October 2025, and no submissions were received.

2.2 Assessment of application

The licence application guidelines, on the [ERA's website](#), explain that the licence amendment process is similar to the process for the grant of a licence, but varies depending on the nature of the amendment. Section 21 of the Electricity Act allows the ERA to grant amendment applications made in the correct format and with the information necessary for the ERA's consideration.

The ERA has considered EV-Energy's financial and technical capacity to undertake the additional activities proposed under the amendment application. The ERA is satisfied that EV-Energy has - or will acquire shortly after the licence amendment - and is likely to retain, the financial and technical capacity to meet its existing and new obligations under the amended licenses.

2.3 Assessment of public interest

The ERA has considered the matters set out in section 8(5) of the Electricity Act, the matters set out in section 26(1) of the ERA Act and the information provided by EV-Energy.

The ERA is satisfied that amending EDL10 and ERL33 would not be contrary to the public interest.

The remainder of this section sets out factors the ERA considered when making its decision.

2.3.1 *Electricity Industry Act 2004*

Section 9 of the Electricity Act requires that the ERA must not amend a licence unless it is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so. Without limiting the other matters that may be taken into account, section 9(2) of the Electricity Act requires that the

ERA take into account the matters referred to in section 8(5) of the Electricity Act when determining whether the amendment would not be contrary to the public interest. Those matters are:

- a. Environmental considerations.
- b. Social welfare and equity considerations, including community service obligations.
- c. Economic and regional development, including employment and investment growth.
- d. The interests of customers generally or of a class of customers.
- e. The interests of any licensee, or applicant for a licence, in respect of the area or areas to which the licence applies.
- f. The importance of competition in electricity industry markets.
- g. The policy objectives of government in relation to the supply of electricity.

2.3.2 *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*

When making its decision, the ERA must have regard to the matters set out in section 26(1) of the ERA Act:

- a. The need to promote regulatory outcomes that are in the public interest.
- b. The long-term interests of consumers in relation to the price, quality and reliability of goods and services provided in relevant markets.
- c. The need to encourage investment in relevant markets.
- d. The legitimate business interests of investors and service providers in relevant markets.
- e. The need to promote competitive and fair market conduct.
- f. The need to prevent abuse of monopoly or market power.
- g. The need to promote transparent decision-making processes that involve public consultation.