



Notice

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APA Transmission (Chichester) Pty Ltd

2025 performance audit and asset management system review

The Economic Regulation Authority has published the 2025 performance audit and asset management system review report and the post-audit implementation plan for [APA Transmission \(Chichester\) Pty Ltd's](#) electricity integrated regional licence EIRL10.

During the audit and review period, APA Group acquired Alinta Energy Transmission (Chichester) Pty Ltd, which previously held EIRL10, and changed the name of the licensee to APA Transmission (Chichester) Pty Ltd.

APA holds an electricity integrated regional licence to operate 65 kilometres of 220 kilovolt transmission line, which connects the Roy Hill mine to Fortescue Metals Group's iron ore mines at Christmas Creek and Cloud Break in the Pilbara. Fortescue is the sole customer supplied by the transmission line.

The ERA's decision

The ERA considers that APA has achieved a good level of compliance with its licence and has an effective asset management system.

The ERA has decided to increase the audit and review period to 48 months. The next audit and review will cover the period 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029.

Audit and review findings

Audit

The audit of the 166 licence obligations applicable to APA found 12 non-compliances and no controls deficiencies.

All the non-compliances were with the *Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2012* and had a minor or no effect on Fortescue.

The auditor made five recommendations to address the non-compliances. The post-audit implementation plan states that APA will address the recommendations by 30 September 2026.

Review

The assessment of the 12 asset management system processes prescribed in the ERA's *2025 Audit and Review Guidelines: Electricity and Gas Licences* found no deficiencies.

As there were no asset management system deficiencies, the auditor did not make any recommendations, and a post-review implementation plan was not required.

The ERA's assessment of the audit and review findings

Audit

The ERA acknowledges that the Metering Code is designed for large networks with many users, such as the South West Interconnected System. It does not differentiate for small network operators, like APA's operations under the licence.

There are some parts of the Metering Code that are challenging for small network operators to comply with due to the nature and size of their operations. APA has committed to updating relevant documents to meet the intent of the Metering Code and clarify the agreed approach with Fortescue on managing its metering arrangements.

Review

APA has an effective asset management system. The review found no deficiencies and APA has improved the system since the last review.

Further information

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