Economic Regulation Authority

Notice

17 November 2026

Western Power's regulatory test waiver application for new transmission works to connect Trina Solar's Kadathinni Solar and Battery Energy Storage project

Decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved Western Power's application to waive the regulatory test for new transmission works to connect Trina Solar's Kadathinni solar and battery energy storage system, as permitted under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

Western Power applied to the ERA on 11 September 2026, requesting we waive the regulatory test for a proposed major augmentation of the transmission network to facilitate the connection of a solar and battery energy storage system project being developed by Trina Solar in the Shire of Three Springs.

The regulatory test determines whether the proposed augmentation to the electricity network is the best way of overcoming constraints in the wider electricity system.

Generally Western Power must not commit to a major augmentation before the ERA determines that the regulatory test is satisfied. However, the Access Code includes provisions that allow the test to be expedited, modified or waived if its application would be contrary to the objectives of the test.

On the basis that:

- the proposed augmentation will not increase costs to other users of the network; and
- requiring the regulatory test process to be undertaken will delay connection of the solar and battery energy storage system and increase administrative and regulatory costs;

we have formed the view that applying the regulatory test to the proposed major augmentation would be contrary to the objectives of Chapter 9 of the Access Code.

Further information

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