

# Amendment of Horizon Power's Electricity Integrated Regional Licence

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## DECISION

1. In accordance with sections 9 and 21 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (Act), the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has approved an amendment to the Regional Power Corporation's (trading as Horizon Power) Electricity Integrated Regional Licence 2 (EIRL2). The amendment extends Horizon Power's licensed boundary in the Halls Creek electricity licence area.
2. As required by section 23(1) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the amendments in the *Government Gazette* as soon as is practicable.

## REASONS

1. In November 2011, Horizon Power submitted an application to the Authority to amend EIRL2 by extending its Halls Creek operating area boundary to supply electricity to new water bores being built adjacent to the Halls Creek town site.
2. On 5 December 2011, the Authority published a notice seeking public submissions on Horizon Power's licence amendment application. The period for public submissions closed on 28 December 2011 and no submissions were received.
3. Pursuant to section 21 of the Act, the Authority may amend a licence if the Applicant has made the application in a form approved by the Authority and paid the prescribed application fee. Horizon Power has satisfied these requirements.
4. Section 9(1) of the Act states that the Authority must not exercise a power conferred by Part 2, 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. Section 9(2) of the 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 Act.
6. Following public consultation, the Authority has not found any evidence that granting the amendment would be contrary to the public interest. Therefore, the Authority proposes that it would not be contrary to the public interest to grant the licence amendment.

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CHAIRMAN

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