

Community Electricity

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Submission in Response to ERA Public Consultation

Application for exemption from certain requirements of the Technical Rules submitted by Western Power – Wagin substation weak in-feed

Standing

Community Electricity is:

- a. a licenced Electricity Retailer and a provider of Electricity Retail Services and Market Consultancy;
- b. a member of the Independent Market Operator's Market Advisory Committee;
- c. a member of the Economic Regulation Authority's Technical Rules Committee.

Community has no commercial interest in the matter of the application. Our commercial objectives are aligned with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

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Submission

Community notes from the ERA's issues paper that:

- i) the end-user intends to install an 885kVA non-exporting PPG;
- ii) Wagin substation is currently operating under a Technical Rules exemption because of its age and will be brought up to standard as part of the network development planning;
- iii) granting of the exemption will not of itself comprise safety or reliability of supply for other users;
- iv) the end-user has accepted the proposed solution and supports the application for exemption;
- v) Western Power considers that the proposed connection arrangement permits the end-user to obtain a covered service to the extent reasonably practicable in accordance with good electricity practice while efficiently minimising the cost of network augmentation.

On this basis, Community considers the exemption to be in the public interest and we support it.

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