

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON: DRAFT ELECTRICITY LICENCE APPLICATION GUIDELINES; AND DRAFT GENERATION LICENCE

Invitation to comment

Commencing 1 January 2005, the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has the role of licensing electricity supply services in Western Australia, in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (**Act**). A person or organisation intending to supply or sell electricity in Western Australia must be licensed by the Authority, unless an exemption under the Act has been provided. An electricity supply includes the means to generate electricity, transport electricity through a transmission or distribution system and sell electricity to customers.

The Authority seeks public comment on its draft Electricity Industry Guidelines: Information for Licence Applicants (**Electricity Licence Application Guidelines**) and draft standard form Generation Licence (to which the Authority must have regard when assessing and approving or rejecting applications for electricity generation licences).

The Electricity Licence Application Guidelines and Generation Licence may be viewed or downloaded from the Authority website: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity.

Public submissions

Submissions on the draft Electricity Licence Application Guidelines and Generation Licence are invited from all interested parties. Submissions should be addressed to:

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Submissions may be provided in hard-copy or electronic form and must be received by the Authority by the close of business on Friday 25 February 2005.

Should you require further information, please contact Adam Phillips on 9213 1900.

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the Electricity Licence Application Guidelines or Generation Licence shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has formed an opinion as to whether or not any particular submission contains any information of a confidential nature.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Economic Regulation Act 2003* (WA), *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (WA) and *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (WA).

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CHAIRMAN

10 February 2005

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