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Electricity Industry Act 2004 (WA) Energy Coordination Act 1994 (WA) Water Services Licensing Act 1995 (WA)

Electricity, Gas and Water Licence Amendment Application Form

Introduction

Licence amendment applications to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) are submitted under the provisions of the Electricity Industry Act 2004 (WA), the Energy Coordination Act 1994 (WA) and the Water Services Licensing Act 1995 (WA) (the Electricity, Gas and Water Acts). Applicants should be aware of the Electricity, Gas and Water Acts licensing provisions. While the Authority can assist an applicant in preparing an amendment application and provide advice in relation to the information required as part of the licensing process, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application complies with the Electricity, Gas and Water Acts as appropriate to the type of application. The amendment application should consist of this form and attachments addressing the information required to support the application as set out in the Application Guideline. All information including plans should be submitted to the Authority in triplicate, together with an electronic copy of all information in a suitable format. The amendment application fee must accompany this application.

If the applicant comprises more than one legal person (e.g. a Joint Venture), the information required for this application is to be provided for each person.

The Authority is bound by its obligations relating to confidential information in the Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA) and the Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003 (WA).

Accordingly, the Authority has a very strict privacy policy regarding sensitive business and commercial information which is provided to the Authority as part of an electricity supply application or pursuant to the terms of a licence.

The Authority is bound by the Freedom of In formation Act 1992 (WA) (FOI Act). Section 33 of the FOI Act requires the Authority to consult with a party who has provided it with commercial or business information as to whether the Authority should provide access to the material.

Further, the Authority will not provide information to an applicant under the FOI Act if the disclosure:

- would reveal trade secrets of a person;
- would reveal information (other than trade secrets) that has a commercial value to a person and disclosure could reasonably be expected to destroy or diminish that commercial value: or
- would reveal information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person and disclosure could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of information of that kind to the Government or to an agency.

Under the FOI Act, if the Authority resolves to release commercial or business information, the party who has provided it to the Authority can ask the Authority to review the decision internally or may have the decision reviewed by the:

Information Commissioner Department of Premier and Cabinet 21st Floor 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Phone Number: (08) 9222 9409

For this reason, the Authority recommends that applicants identify documents which may fall within the provisions of section 33 of the FOI Act which contain:

- information (other than trade secrets) that has a commercial value to the business; or
- any other information concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of the business.

Accordingly, the Authority seeks the applicant's views as to whether the documents contain matter that is exempt matter under clause 4 of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. If the Authority decides that this matter is exempt matter the Authority will refuse access to the documents by any third parties.

Applicant Details

Applicant Details		
Name	Gascoyne Water Cooperative Limited	
Registered Office (if a Corporation)	451 Robinson Street PO Box 5 Carnarvon WA 6701	
Principal Place of Business (if different from Registered Office)		

Contact Details

Contact Name: Edward Garrett

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Company Structure		
ABN or ACN	32 590 776 789	
Legal Nature of Applicant	Cooperative	
Place of Incorporation	Carnarvon WA	

Amendment Details		
Licence No	IL/38	
Reason for and Details of the Amendment	Gascoyne Water Cooperative Limited requests an amendment to its Operating Area for the provision of irrigation and non-potable water services. The existing area is shown on the attached Operating Area Plan	
	Number: OWR-OA-177. The amended area requested is shown highlighted in yellow on the same plan.	
	This area is shown in more detail on the attached aerial photography plans. Existing extents of Operating Area are bounded in Blue with the two extensions shown in Red and Green respectively.	
	The main extension to the Operating area would be bounded by Margaret ROW to the North, Willam Street and the Western boundaries of properties in Cornish Street to the West, Robinson Street and the Southern boundary of properties on Cleveland Street to the South and linking back to Boor Street in the East.	
	The second, minor extension of area would be bounded by Southern extension of Boundary Road to a point in line with the southern boundary of the Mungullah Village, then East to North West Coastal Highway and the north along the Western side of the highway to link into the existing area at the junction of North West Coastal Highway and Boor Street.	
	The reasons for the requested extension are as follows:	
	The area bounded by Margaret Row and William Street contains horticultural blocks that have had to rely solely on private bores in an area that is prone to salinisation (the area is very close to sea level). The extension of the operating area will allow these properties to obtain irrigation scheme water for their on farm operations.	
	2. to the South of the above area to Robinson Street, there is a high percentage of lifestyle blocks that have expressed a desire to take non potable water for the purposes of greening their properties. GWC can deliver the required volumes as Stock and Garden water providing the operating area is extended to cover the potential customers. Costings have been done on extensions to delivery mains and potential customers are aware of the individual costs to connect. We have sufficient customers prepared to sign up for connection once approval to extend is granted to be economically feasible.	
	 We are currently providing non-potable services to customers on the Eastern side of Boundary Rd, but under the current operating area, we cannot supply potential customers on the western side of the same road. The extension of the Operating Area would remove this anomaly. 	
	4. Mungullah Village has expressed an interest in taking water from the irrigation main in Boor Street for the purposes of running a village market garden and greening of the community oval. However as they are on the South side of Boor Street, again as for 3. above, a potential customer falls outside our operating area because they are on the wrong side of the Street.	

<u>Certification - Acknowledgement of Commitment</u>			
I declare that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and I am aware of the requirements under the Act for the licence being applied for and that I have the authority to make this application on behalf of the above entity.			
Signed by or on behalf of the applicant ² .			
Name:	Edward Garrett		
Position:	Chief Executive Officer		
Signed:	Mamon .		
Date:	Monday, 13 th August 2007		





