

Decision to Amend Electricity Integrated Regional Licence 2 – Horizon Power

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DECISION

1. Pursuant to 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 operating boundary in the South Hedland electricity licence area and creates a new licence area in Yungngora.
2. As required by section 23(1) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the amendment in the *Government Gazette* as soon as is practicable.

BACKGROUND

3. In August 2010, Horizon Power submitted an application to the Authority to amend EIRL2.
4. The extension to the South Hedland operating area boundary was requested in anticipation of the transfer of assets at Utah Point from the Port Hedland Port Authority to Horizon Power. The Utah Point assets comprise two 22kV distribution lines that run from the Port Hedland Port Authority switch room to Horizon Power's Wedgefield Drive substation. Horizon Power will take possession of the asset towards the end of 2010.
5. The creation of an operating area in Yungngora was requested as it is the next community to be supplied as part of the Aboriginal and Remote Communities Power Supply Project (ARCPSP).
6. On 12 August 2010, the Authority published a notice seeking public submissions on Horizon Power's licence amendment application. The period for public submissions closed on 2 September 2010 and no submissions were received.

REASONS

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. Following public consultation, the Authority has not found any evidence that granting the amendment would be contrary to the public interest. Therefore, the Authority has determined that it would not be contrary to the public interest to grant the licence amendment.

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CHAIRMAN