



Essential Services Commission information session

Transmission Company Victoria Pty
Ltd (TCV) - electricity transmission
licence application

First session: 19 September 2024
Second session: 8 October 2024

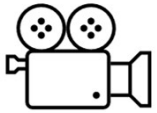


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Points to note



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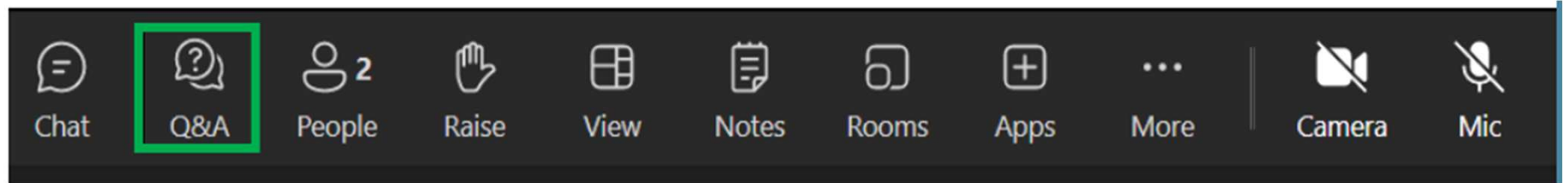
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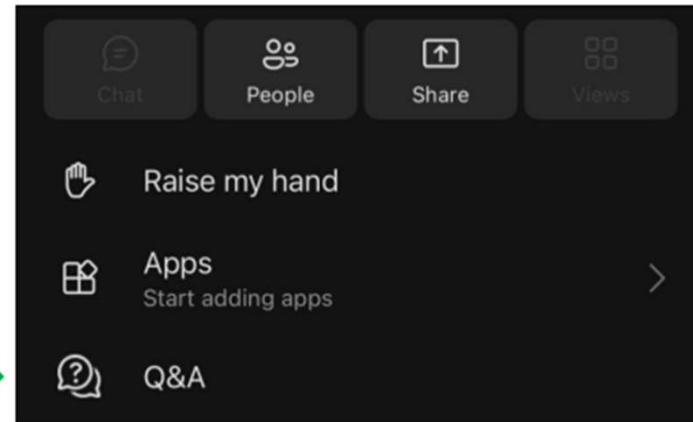
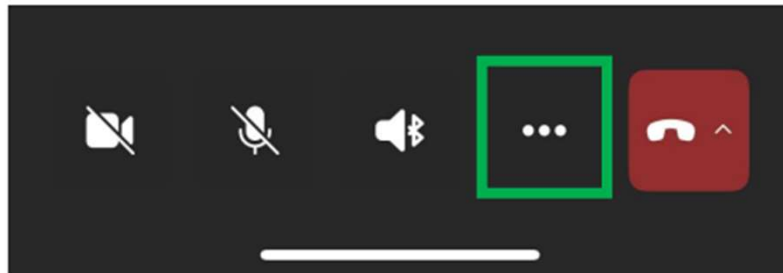
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Purpose of this forum

- Provide an overview of TCV's application
- Explain our role and key parts of the licence assessment process
- Provide information on how you can provide feedback/submissions on TCV's electricity transmission licence application

TCV's application

TCV has applied for a licence to transmit electricity under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000 (EIA)*.

- It plans to use this licence to:

transmit electricity in connection with the Victoria New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project in Victoria.

TCV's application form, and associated public documents, can be found on the commission's website and on Engage Victoria.

Role of the Essential Services Commission in energy

In relation to electricity, we are responsible for:

- licensing businesses involved in transmitting electricity in Victoria under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*
- establishing and maintaining codes and guidelines
- promoting and enforcing compliance with the codes
- reporting on the performance of energy businesses and on energy prices.

Transmission licence application – what we assess

The commission will only grant a transmission licence where:

- it is satisfied that the applicant has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence
- it considers appropriate having regard to the commission's statutory objectives
- the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a transmission licence

Refer to our [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) for more information. The guideline includes information to assist people to understand our licensing process.

Transmission licence application – technical capacity

The commission's assessment of technical capacity can occur in stages.

- Large infrastructure projects may not carry out the licenced activities of transmitting electricity for more than 12 months after being licenced.
- Section 19(4) of the EIA allows the commission to grant the licence subject to further approval ahead of the licenced activities taking place.

Content of a transmission licence

If a transmission licence is granted it may contain a range of standard conditions such as:

- Notices
- Grant of the licence
- Change of control
- Compliance with regulatory instruments
- Ongoing technical capacity

The commission may also include special licence conditions in a licence to limit the scope of the licensee's activities or address bespoke risks.

How to provide feedback

Interested persons are invited to make submissions on TCV's application.

Submissions are due by 5pm 21 October 2024.

You can complete the survey and/or provide a submission via the Engage Victoria website: www.engage.vic.gov.au/transmission-company-victoria-pty-ltd-electricity-transmission-licence

Or provide comments via email or mail:

- Email: licences@esc.vic.gov.au
- Mail: Essential Services Commission, Level 8, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

Unless you request otherwise, your name and your submission will generally be published on our website and made publicly available so others can see the information we consider in making decisions.

Stakeholder feedback - survey

- Have you previously had contact with TCV regarding the VNI West project?
- Have you had experience with transmission companies accessing your land?
- Are you familiar with the commission's enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?
- What effect on electricity pricing do you think TCV's VNI West project will have?
- Do you think TCV being granted a transmission licence will benefit the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?
- Do you have any views on TCV's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?
- Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess TCV's electricity transmission licence application?

Next steps

- **Monday 21 October 2024** – Submissions close 5.00 pm
- **Remainder of 2024** –
 - Consider all stakeholder feedback and assess documentation from TCV
 - Decision - at least two months after the public consultation closes

Questions



Thank you for joining us today



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