

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000 APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY WHOLESALE LICENCE

ACLE Services Pty Ltd (ACN 631 910 659)

RECORD OF DECISION

11 November 2024

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (El Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted ACLE Services Pty Ltd (ACN 631 910 659) (ACLE Services) a licence to sell electricity, generated from small generating units in Victoria, through the wholesale electricity market.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the EI Act provides that a person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale or the transmission, distribution, supply or sale of electricity unless the person:

- (a) is the holder of a licence authorising the relevant activity;
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the relevant activity; or
- (c) is the holder of a trial waiver in respect of the relevant activity.

Section 18(1) of the EI Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to sell electricity (under subsection (1)(d)).

On 26 July 2024, ACLE Services applied to the commission for a licence authorising it to sell electricity through the wholesale electricity market.

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's licence application form and 'Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences', ACLE Services provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 26 September 2024, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the EI Act provides that the commission may grant or refuse a licence application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the EI Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (ESC Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

- ACLE Services has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- ACLE Services is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to sell electricity through the wholesale electricity market.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the EI Act, and having regard to its objectives under the ESC Act and the EI Act, the commission has decided to grant ACLE Services a wholesale licence to sell electricity, generated from small generating units in Victoria, through the wholesale electricity market.

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THE COMMON SEAL of the ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION was affixed pursuant to the authority of the commission on 15 November 2024

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