

Electricity generation licence application form

Purpose of this form

This form must be completed by persons applying to the Essential Services Commission (the commission) for a licence to authorise electricity generation in Victoria. Electricity generation includes battery energy storage systems.

Basis for this form

Section 18 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (the Industry Act) provides that a licence application must be made in a form approved by the commission. This is the form approved by the commission.

Use of this form and the applicant's responsibilities

A licence application may be made by any legal person including, without limitation, individuals, incorporated associations, unit and other forms of trusts and corporations. Entities that are not a legal person (for example, an unincorporated joint venture or a partnership) cannot apply for a licence.

For the purpose of this application form, reference to the term "Officer" includes the applicant's directors and secretary, and other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business (for example, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or General Manager).

The applicant should list the information requested in the spaces provided in this form and enclose additional information when required.

The applicant must take all reasonable steps to ensure the information provided in the application form is complete, true and correct.

An officer of the applicant is required to make a declaration to this effect in the application form. Failure to disclose information or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information may result in a licence not being issued or in the revocation of a licence later.

It is a criminal offence under section 61A of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* to provide the commission with false or misleading information or documentation.

The applicant is responsible for providing the commission with current, accurate and relevant documentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to make all reasonable inquiries to obtain the information requested by this form.

Providing accurate and relevant information and a complete application (answering all questions and providing all information) will assist in timely processing of an application. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If insufficient information is provided with an application, we will contact the applicant about the requirement for additional information to be submitted before the application is considered further.

Prior reading

It is expected that the applicant has read our [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) before completing this form.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure its compliance with legal obligations when applying for a licence.

Licence conditions

Section 20 of the Industry Act authorises the commission to issue licences subject to conditions as decided by the commission. Licences are published on our [website](#). We recommend the applicant familiarise itself with the relevant standard conditions and be confident that it can comply with those conditions prior to applying for a licence.

Further information

The applicant should note that we may ask for further information, or to clarify the information that the applicant has already provided with the application.

Consultation and confidentiality

We will consult with relevant government, industry and consumer groups on the licence application through a public consultation process. Applications and/or supporting information that is not confidential will be made available on our website.

If the applicant believes that any information provided as part of its application is confidential or commercially sensitive, it is the applicant's responsibility to clearly identify this information on those documents. The applicant should also provide a 'non-confidential' version of the application form and documents for publication on our website.

How to lodge an application

The applicant may send the completed application form electronically (preferred) or in hard copy to:

Electronically: licences@esc.vic.gov.au

Hard copy: Market Operations, Energy Division
Essential Services Commission
Level 8, 570 Bourke Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Large files

Applicants generally need to send us large files which is often not suitable via email. Please contact us at licences@esc.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options to provide an application to the commission.

Application fees and annual licence fees

The commission has the authority to set a licence application fee. Currently, there is no application fee.

Holding a licence incurs annual licence fees. Refer to the commission's [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) for more information regarding annual licence fees.

1. General Information – The Applicant

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

1.1 Legal name of applicant

State the full legal name of the applicant. The applicant is the person who will be generating electricity and/or selling (wholesale) electricity that will be the subject of the licence.

Name:	Equis Energy (Australia) Projects (MREH A1 AssetCo) Pty Ltd as trustee for Equis Energy (Australia) MREH A1 Asset Trust
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1.2 Legal identity of applicant

Provide the applicant's ABN and ACN (where relevant) and information about the applicant (for example, whether the applicant is a private limited company, trust, or joint venture).

ABN: 92 607 537 147	ACN: 669 645 461
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Type of entity: Limited Liability Company

1.3 Contact details and address of the applicant

The applicant	
Business address: First Floor, 40 Esplanade, Brighton	
State: Victoria	Postcode: 3186
Postal address (if different): Same as business address	
State:	Postcode:
Full name of contact person: [REDACTED]	
Position title: Director, Head of Legal (Australia)	
Telephone: +61 3 7020 3323	Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]	

1.4 Diagram of corporate and organisational structure

Attach a diagram illustrating the corporate structure, including details of any related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the organisational chart. Provide a diagram of the:

- a) corporate structure (including any parent and related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*), and

Attachment reference:

Attachment 1.4(a)(i) MREH Corporate Structure Chart CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 1.4(a)(ii) Equis Corporate Structure Chart CONFIDENTIAL

- b) organisational chart (including composition of the board, management, and other key personnel responsible for the key functions).

Attachment reference:

Attachment 1.4(b) MREH Organisational Chart CONFIDENTIAL

1.5 The licence

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

If the applicant is seeking for a licence to be issued by a certain date, identify this date. **Note: we do not undertake to issue the licence by this date.** The applicant should usually allow a minimum of eight to 10 weeks **once we consider the application to be complete.** An application is considered complete once we have all the information needed for the commission to make a decision. In other words, when we have no need to request further information from the applicant. This includes a public consultation period of four weeks (generally) as part of our consideration of licence applications.

Provide details on the following:

Date from which licence is sought: **31 January 2025**

Type of generation: Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Expected name plate capacity: 215.85MW / 431.69MWh (Rated capacity: 200MW / 400MWh)

Location of generation facility: ██████████ Holden Road, Plumpton, Victoria

Details of how the generator will be connected to the network:

The generator is connected to a shared 500 kV busbar within the newly established Plumpton Renewable Terminal Station (PRTS). PRTS consists of 500 kV switchgear and a 500/33/33 kV 220 MVA main power transformer dedicated to the generator. PRTS is connected to the NEM via an underground 500kV cable to the existing 500kV Sydenham Terminal Station.

2. Technical capacity

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

2.1 Experience and knowledge of the industry

Provide information about the human resources available to the applicant. This includes:

- a) The experience and qualifications of those employees outlined in the organisational chart (see 1.4b).

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(a) MREH Key Personnel CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(a)(i) QHE Manager CONFIDENTIAL

- b) If the applicant will employ contractors or agents to assist with the licensed activities, the name of those contractors or agents, details about the experience of the contractors or agents in such operations and details of the processes in place to ensure the contractors or agents comply with the licence conditions, including relevant regulatory obligations

Construction and O&M contractors – The MREH A1 BESS (“**MREH A1**”) is currently under construction, with Samsung Genus Joint Venture (“**SGJV**”) as the Balance of Plant contractor. SGJV is an unincorporated joint venture comprising Samsung CT, a duly organised company under the law of Republic of Korea, and KEC Power Pty Ltd (trading as Genus Industrial Services), a duly organised company under the laws of Australia.

The applicant is currently conducting a tender process for the ongoing service and maintenance for the balance of plant of MREH A1. Three Tier 1 contractors have been identified and negotiations are underway. While the process is being conducted, the applicant has appointed Tesla, the battery LTSA provider, as the O&M contractor *ad interim*. The applicant expects to appoint an O&M contractor by 31 July 2025 (ahead of the Project Completion date of 29 September 2025).

Battery OEM and LTSA provider – the Original Equipment Manufacturer for the BESS is Tesla Inc., a global battery market leader. Tesla Inc. is the OEM that has the largest fleet of utility scale batteries under operation in Australia. Tesla provides the batteries to MREH under a Sale and Purchase Agreement. It also provides long term maintenance of the batteries under a Long Term Services Agreement.

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(b)(i) Tesla LTSA CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(b)(ii) Tesla SPA CONFIDENTIAL

Connection – MREH A1 will connect to the PRTS owned by Transgrid. The applicant has engaged Lumea Pty Limited to undertake all necessary augmentation and interface works to facilitate connection of the MREH A1 BESS to the Plumpton Renewable Terminal Station, and to maintain those works for ongoing connection of MREH A1. Transgrid and Lumea are bound by

contract with the applicant to meet all relevant regulatory obligations (see the material agreements provided in response to question 2.8 below).

24/7 Control Room – Current negotiations are in place with Overwatch to remotely operate MREH A1 in a manner that ensures it complies with the Performance Standards and applicable laws. Overwatch is obliged to comply with all relevant regulatory obligations under a purchase contract with the applicant.

All service providers are bound by contract with the applicant to meet all relevant regulatory obligations (see the material agreements provided in response to question 2.8 below).

Where the applicant is relying on a third party to provide staff and/or resources to meet the technical capacity requirements of the generation and wholesale licence, provide:

- c) the experience and qualifications of any relevant key employees who will manage those systems and processes;
- d) if the applicant will engage third parties to assist with the licensed activities, provide the following information in relation to each third party:
 - (i) the name of that third party
 - (ii) the scope of activities undertaken by the third party
 - (iii) details and copies of any agreements for the provision of services
 - (iv) details about the experience of the third party in relation to the activities that it will be undertaking, including any accreditations
 - (v) details of the processes in place to ensure the third party complies with the licensee's regulatory obligations.

Please refer to details provided in response to questions 2.1 a) and b) above, and the Material Agreements provided in response to question 2.8 below.

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(b)(iii) Overwatch draft agreement CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.1(b)(iv) Overwatch T&Cs CONFIDENTIAL

2.2 Risk management

- a) Provide confirmation and evidence that the applicant has identified the risks associated with electricity generation and wholesale operations. Additionally, provide evidence that the applicant has established, utilised and relied upon risk management systems and processes which are adequate, accurate and current to address those risks.
- b) Provide a copy of the applicant's risk management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, ISO 31000:2018).
- c) Provide a copy of a risk register that identifies risks, controls and mitigations.

The applicant considers effective risk management to be fundamental to its operations, has invested heavily in developing a risk management program based on ISO 31000, and is committed to ensuring compliance with its risk management program. The risk management program includes risk identification, assessment, and management, and the use of risk management tools and reporting.

Further, Equis Australia Management Pty Ltd has engaged KPMG to enhance its enterprise risk management framework (to improve the visibility and function of accountability lines), develop its Critical Infrastructure Risk Management Program, and develop a cyber risk management framework that is compliant with AESCSFv2. The current versions of these documents are provided as attachments (see references below). The applicant notes that these will continue to be refined ahead of MREH A1 becoming operational.

The hazard identification risk assessment for MREH A1 is attached.

A risk register, including risks, controls and mitigations up to November 2024, is attached and remains in use by the applicant, with weekly reviews continuing.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 2.2(a) MREH HIRA CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.2(a)(b) MREH Risk Management Program CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.2(c) MREH Risk Register (Nov 24) CONFIDENTIAL

2.3 Registration with the Australian Energy Market Operator and generator performance standards

Advise if the applicant will apply to register with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). If so, provide evidence of registration or exemption, or intending registration or exemption (for example, correspondence between the applicant and AEMO). If the applicant is not registering with AEMO, describe why that is the case.

Provide confirmation from AEMO that proposed negotiated generator performance standards will meet requirements for power system security and reliability under the National Electricity Rules.

The applicant has applied for registration with AEMO. The R1 package was submitted to AEMO for due diligence and review on 7 June 2024. Upon AEMO's approval, a confirmation will be issued and subsequently shared with ESC.

2.4 Licences held in other jurisdictions

If the applicant holds, or has previously held, electricity and/or gas licences or authorisations in other jurisdictions provide details. If a licence or authorisation previously held has been suspended or cancelled, provide details.

The applicant does not hold and has not previously held electricity or gas licences or authorisations in any other jurisdiction.

2.5 Previous unsuccessful licence applications in other jurisdictions

Confirm whether the applicant has applied for an electricity or gas licence in another jurisdiction and not been issued with a licence or authorisation, provide details.

The applicant has not previously applied for an electricity or gas licence in another jurisdiction.

2.6 Licences held by associates of the applicant

If an associate (within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*) holds an electricity or gas licence in Victoria or in other Australian jurisdiction, provide details.

As set out in section 1.4 above (and the corresponding attachments), Equis Development Pte. Ltd. (“**Equis**”) and SEC Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ACN 670 408 125) (“**SEC**”) are shareholders of Equis Energy (Australia) Projects (MREH A1 AssetCo) Pty Ltd (ACN 669 645 461) (“the **applicant**”).

Neither Equis nor SEC nor, to the best of our knowledge, any other associate of the applicant, holds an electricity or gas licence in Victoria or in any other Australian jurisdiction.

It is noted for completeness that SEC Energy Pty Ltd submitted an application for an ESC electricity retail licence in September 2024. (SEC Energy Pty Ltd is a 100% subsidiary of SEC Victoria Pty Ltd, which is the holding entity of SEC Infrastructure Pty Ltd.) ESC completed its public consultation process for this application on 14 October 2024. SEC understands the ESC process to consider the application may be completed by December 2024.

2.7 Compliance management

- a) Provide evidence of compliance management which demonstrates how the compliance systems the applicant has (or will have) in place will ensure compliance with all the relevant regulatory obligations required by an electricity generation licence.
- b) Provide a copy of the applicant’s compliance management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, AS ISO 498 518 04919600:2015).

Compliance is fundamental to the success of MREH and the applicant is committed to maintaining the highest standards of accountability and a positive compliance culture. MREH A1 will operate in accordance with Equis’ Compliance Management Program, which has been developed to align with ISO 37301:2021.

Attachment references:

Attachment 2.7(b)(i) Compliance Management Program CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.7(b)(ii) Compliance Management Policy CONFIDENTIAL

2.8 Material agreements

Provide copies of agreements entered into, or intended to be entered into, by the applicant that are material to the undertaking of the electricity generation activity. Agreements that are material to the undertaking of the electricity generation activity may include:

- a) Connection agreements, such as a Generator Connection Agreement and Generator Project Agreement with a generation facility.

Attachment 2.8(a)(i) MREH A1 Connection Agreement CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(a)(ii) MREH A1 Project Agreement CONFIDENTIAL

- b) Any contract concerning the construction and delivery of the project (sometimes commonly referred to as a Project Construction and Coordination Deed (PCCD) or Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement).

Attachment 2.8(b)(i) MREH A1 PCCD CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(b)(ii) MREH A1 PCCD AusNet Services Side Deed CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(b)(iii) MREH A1 PCCD TNSP Side Deed CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(b)(iv) MREH A1 BOP Contract CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(b)(v) MREH A1 Tesla SPA CONFIDENTIAL

- c) Any Network Services Agreements.

Attachment 2.8(c) MREH A1 UoSA CONFIDENTIAL

- d) Any contracts concerning the managerial aspects of the activity (sometimes commonly referred to as a Management Services Agreement or Asset Management Agreement).

Attachment 2.8(d) MREH A1 Development Services Agreement CONFIDENTIAL

- e) Any contract concerning the ongoing operations and maintenance of the transmission assets (sometimes commonly referred to as an Operations and Maintenance Agreement).

Attachment 2.8(e)(i) MREH A1 Connection Agreement CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment 2.8(e)(ii) MREH A1 LTSA CONFIDENTIAL

- f) Any contract concerning the sale of electricity from the generator under a Power Purchase Agreement.

Attachment 2.8(f) MREH A1 Revenue Support Agreement CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment reference: (Listed above.)

2.9 Engagement with Energy Safe Victoria

Provide details about the applicant's engagement with Energy Safe Victoria and any copies of correspondence regarding the proposed electricity generation facility.

The Applicant has been engaging with Energy Safe Victoria ("ESV") since March 2024 and has maintained notes of monthly meetings. In summary, the relationship is positive, the communications open and regular, and ESV representatives have expressed their satisfaction with progress of the BESS and have not raised any concerns.

Attachment reference: Attachment 2.9 Evidence of Engagement with ESV CONFIDENTIAL

2.10 Additional information

Provide any additional information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's assessment of the applicant's technical capacity.

The Melbourne Renewable Energy Hub (MREH), consisting of MREH A1 (the applicant), MREH A2 and MREH A3, is a globally significant energy storage precinct located 25km northwest of Melbourne's commercial business district. The project is co-owned by SEC, Victoria's government-owned renewable energy company, and renewable energy investor and developer, Equis Australia.

MREH will store renewable energy for use in Melbourne when it is needed and will absorb excess roof-top solar from Victorian homes as it flows back into the transmission grid. The Project is designed with innovative inverter technology to support the transmission grid's voltage and frequency and replace 'system inertia' that is lost when coal and gas fired power stations retire over the next decade.

The Project is being developed to ultimately use grid forming inverters and, in the future, will provide configurable inertia, black start capability, network voltage support and frequency support.

The preliminary connection enquiry stage for MREH was completed in February 2020 and the Connection Application was submitted on 25 February 2021. MREH is registered as an Intending Market Participant with AEMO. Work is well underway with AEMO and AusNet to complete the connection application.

3. Financial viability

3.1 Financial resources

The applicant must provide a statement that will be made available to the public during the consultation period that the applicant has the financial resources to commence and sustainably perform the relevant licensable activities.

Provide a statement to confirm that:

- c) the applicant is financially viable and has the financial resources to sustainably operate the electricity generation facilities, and

a) the applicant will be a registered market participant with the Australian Energy Market Operator for its electricity generation activities, therefore subject to the prudential requirements under the National Electricity Rules.

The commission reserves the right to conduct a financial viability assessment and require the applicant to produce information and documents it considers appropriate to complete such an assessment.

The applicant is financially viable and has the financial resources to sustainably operate the electricity generation facilities. The applicant will be a registered market participant with the Australian Energy Market Operator for its electricity generation activities, therefore subject to the prudential requirements under the National Electricity Rules.

MREH A1 (the applicant), MREH A2 and MREH A3 are part-owned by SEC Victoria.

Audited financial reports for FY24 will be provided on request, on the condition that they remain strictly confidential.

4. Fit and proper person

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse a licence application, the commission will consider whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence in Victoria.

The concept of a 'fit and proper person' is established by common law and takes its meaning from its context, from the activities in which the person is or will be engaged, and the ends to be served by those activities.

In considering whether an applicant is a fit and proper person, we will have regard to the applicant's honesty, integrity and reputation. These are relevant factors as they can inform an assessment of the likelihood of future conduct.

We will also consider the conduct of directors, office holders or any person with significant managerial duties or influence. We will also consider the conduct of related bodies corporate or entities that can exert control over the applicant.

- a) Have any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant:
- (i) been declared bankrupt,
 - (ii) had their affairs placed under administration,
 - (iii) been disqualified from managing a company,
 - (iv) been subject to debt judgements, or
 - (v) insolvency proceedings (including any administration, liquidation or receivership in connection with the affairs of a company)?

If yes, provide details:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, having undertaken appropriate enquiries, the answer to each of questions 4(a)(i)-(v) above is 'no'.

- b) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been prosecuted for any offences or had any enforcement action taken under any state, territory, Commonwealth or foreign legislation (including, but not limited to, the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, *Corporations Act 2001*, or the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*)?

If yes, provide details:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, having undertaken appropriate enquiries, the answer to this question 4(b) is 'no'.

- c) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been involved in any material breaches of obligations regulated by the commission or any other regulator?

If yes, provide details:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, having undertaken appropriate enquiries, the answer to this question 4(c) is 'no'.

- d) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility been under investigation in relation to its regulatory obligations or is currently bound by an enforceable undertaking?

If yes, provide details:

Neither the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, nor any person with significant managerial responsibility has been under investigation in relation to its regulatory obligations or is currently bound by an enforceable undertaking.

- e) Has the applicant, any related body corporate or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant, been refused a licence or authorisation, or had restricted, suspended or revoked any such licence or authorisation (in any jurisdiction)?

If yes, provide details:

Neither the applicant, any related body corporate nor any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant, has been refused a licence or authorisation, or had restricted, suspended or revoked any such licence or authorisation (in any jurisdiction).

- f) Provide any other information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's fit and proper person assessment.

Additional information

Answer the following questions and, where the answer to any question is "no" (except for question b)), provide further detail.

- a) Is the applicant a resident of, or does it have permanent establishment in, Australia?

Yes, the applicant is a resident of and has a permanent establishment in Australia.

- b) Is the applicant under external administration (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*) or under a similar form of administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction?

No, the applicant is not under external administration (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*) or under any similar form or administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction.

- c) Is the applicant immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*?

No, the application is not immune from suit in respect of its obligations under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (Vic).

- d) Is the applicant capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia?

Yes, the applicant is capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia.

5. Commission objectives

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse an electricity generation licence application, the commission must consider its objectives under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (ESC Act).

Our primary objective under the ESC Act, when performing our functions and exercising our powers, is to promote the long-term interests of Victorian consumers. In seeking to achieve this objective, we must have regard to the price, quality, and reliability of essential services and the matters set out in section 8A to the extent they are relevant.

In seeking to achieve the objectives specified in section 8, the commission must have regard to the matters to the extent that they are relevant in any particular case.

Provide any information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's consideration of its objectives outlined in:

- Section 8 of the ESC Act (also see section 8A of the ESC Act); and
- Section 10 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

MREH is a c. \$1.1 billion investment in Victoria's energy transition.

MREH A1 is under construction, with Mechanical Completion due on 1 April 2025.

Reflecting its scale, and importance to Victoria's energy transition, the name of the project has been changed from "Melton" renewable energy hub to "Melbourne" Renewable Energy Hub (MREH).

MREH is a significant 'Tier 1' BESS, being built in two stages (A & B) on 33 Ha of vacant land at Holden Road, Plumpton, approximately 25km from Melbourne's CBD just off the Calder Freeway. Fully developed, MREH will be a 1.2GW/2.4GWh BESS. With approval for 2.4 GWh of energy storage and a 12.5MW co-located solar farm, MREH will be capable of servicing more than 1,100,000 households for four hours, stabilising Victoria's energy infrastructure. This will allow increased solar and wind integration into the grid, which reduces volatility and lowers electricity prices. MREH has been designed to avoid and mitigate potential impacts, supported by a thorough suite of technical assessments.

Shifting from Victoria's ageing coal-fired power stations to renewable energy will deliver affordable, reliable and secure electricity to Victorian consumers. Equis is developing the MREH facility, and SEC is investing in this significant project, to support Victoria's accelerating renewable energy transition.

The applicant has considered the objectives of the Commission, as stated in sections 8 and 8A of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (Vic) and section 10 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (Vic).

The applicant contends that licensing MREH A1 to operate in the NEM as an electricity generator directly contributes to the long-term interests of Victorian consumers by:

- providing additional scheduled energy to Victorian consumers;
- providing immediate response capability to sudden outages affecting other Victorian generators;
- time-shifting energy from renewable energy sources, thereby supporting decarbonisation and the targets of the Victorian government.

6. Statutory declaration

All the information provided in this application and attached documents for an electricity generation licence must be true and correct and must be verified by a statutory declaration. This statutory declaration must be made by the applicant (where the applicant is an individual) or a director of the applicant (where the applicant is a corporation) and must be made in accordance with the requirements of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*.

An example statutory declaration form can be found [here](#). Information for authorised witnesses can be found [here](#).

The statutory declaration must address the following:

- a) identification of the declarant's position and/or role with the applicant
- b) that the declarant believes the information provided in the application to be true and correct
- c) that the declarant believes the applicant has the financial resources to commence and operate the activities the subject of the licence.

I, [REDACTED] of First Floor, 40 Esplanade, Brighton Vic 3186

make the following statutory declaration under the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* (Victoria):

- a) that I am a director of Equis Energy (Australia) Projects (MREH A1 AssetCo) Pty Ltd (ACN 669 645 461), First Floor, 40 Esplanade, Brighton Vic 3186;
- b) that the information provided in this application (including any attachments) to the Essential Services Commission for an electricity generation licence is true and correct,

and I make this declaration conscientiously believing these matters to be true and knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

I make it knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

Date: 18 December 2024

Signature: [REDACTED]

(signature of person making this statutory declaration in the presence of the authorised statutory declaration witness)

Declared at: Melbourne on 18 December 2024

Witness

I am an authorised statutory declaration witness and I sign this document in the presence of the person making the declaration:

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(signature of authorised statutory declaration witness)

on 18 December 2024

██ First Floor, 40 Esplanade, Brighton Vic 3186

Lawyer

A person authorised under section 30(2) of the ***Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*** to witness the signing of a statutory declaration.