



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE**

Powercor Australia Ltd (ACN 064 651 109)

RECORD OF DECISION

18 September 2024

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Powercor Australia Ltd (ACN 064 651 109) (Powercor) a licence to transmit electricity.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the Industry Act relevantly provides that a person must not engage in the transmission of electricity unless the person:

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

Section 18(1) of the Industry Act relevantly provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to transmit electricity (subsection (1)(b)).

On 30 October 2023, Powercor submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to transmit electricity.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

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

On 30 April 2024, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission received 13 submissions, including three confidential submissions.

We consider each submission as part of the process to decide whether to grant a licence.

We focus our review of submissions on matters raised that directly relate to the legislative criteria governing the grant of the licence.

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that Powercor:

- has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to transmit electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Industry Act and having regard to its objectives under the Commission Act and the Industry Act, the commission has decided to grant Powercor a licence to transmit electricity subject to conditions specified in the licence.

THE COMMON SEAL
of the ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 19 September 2024

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Gerard Brody
Chairperson