



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

Transmission Company Victoria Pty Ltd (ACN 665 119 068)

RECORD OF DECISION

13 February 2025

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (EI Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Transmission Company Victoria Pty Ltd (ACN 665 119 068) (TCV) a licence to transmit electricity in connection with the Victoria New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West).

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the EI 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 EI Act relevantly provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to transmit electricity (subsection (1)(b)).

On 25 August 2024, TCV 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', TCV provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 5 September 2024, the commission published a copy of the application and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission received 101 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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the EI 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 EI Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (ESC Act).

DECISION

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 TCV a licence to transmit electricity in connection with the Victoria New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West). This licence is granted subject to the conditions specified in the licence.

THE COMMON SEAL

of the **ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION**
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 14 February 2025

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Gerard Brody
Chairperson