



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR SUPPLY OR
SALE AND TO SELL ELECTRICITY**

Bulgana Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 162 201 569)

RECORD OF DECISION

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Bulgana Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 162 201 569) (Bulgana) a licence to generate electricity at the Bulgana Green Power Hub (BGPH), and to sell into the wholesale market. BGPH are located approximately 200km north-west of Melbourne, Victoria.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a Licence

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

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

Entitlement to apply for a Licence

Section 18 of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity.

The applicant

On 1 November 2018, Bulgana submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity by wholesale.

The application

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's 'Guidance Notes for Applications for Electricity Licences', Bulgana provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

In particular, Bulgana presented information to provide a high level of assurance concerning its technical capacity.

On 24 January 2019, 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 Industry Act provides that, subject to subsections (2) and (3), 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).

DECISION

The Commission is satisfied that:

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

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the Industry Act and the Commission Act, the commission has decided to grant Bulgana a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the generation of electricity at the Bulgana Green Power Hub, and the sale of electricity generated by this facility through the wholesale market.

**THE COMMON SEAL
of THE ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION**
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the Commission
on 27 February 2019

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Dr Ron Ben-David
Chairperson