



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

GESS ProjectCo Pty Ltd (ACN 621 425 661)

RECORD OF DECISION

08 August 2018

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (EIA) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted GESS ProjectCo Pty Ltd (ACN 621 425 661) (GPC) a licence to generate electricity using the Gannawarra Energy Storage System, a 25MW/50MWh grid-scale battery co-located with the Gannawarra Solar Farm at Lalbert-Kerang Road, Bael Bael, Victoria.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a Licence

Section 16(1) of the EIA 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 EIA provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale.

The applicant

On 12 April 2018, GPC submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale.

On 12 July 2018, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application.

The application

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the EIA 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 EIA and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (Vic) (ESCA).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

- GPC has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- GPC has the financial resources to sustainably operate the proposed generation facility in compliance with the conditions of the licence to be granted.

In accordance with section 19(1) of the EIA, and having regard to its objectives under the ESCA and EIA, the commission has decided to grant GPC a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale.

**THE COMMON SEAL
of THE ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION**
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the Commission
on 08 August 2018

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Dr Ron Ben-David
Chairperson

