

# Electricity retail licence

Onsite Energy Solutions Pty Ltd (ACN 164 385 693)

As varied on 24 October 2023



# **Electricity Retail Licence**

This Licence is issued pursuant to section 19 of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic).

#### **Date**

This Licence was last varied on 24 October 2023.

#### Licensee

This Licence is issued to:

Onsite Energy Solutions Pty Ltd (ACN 164 385 693) (the Licensee)

158 Proximity Drive

Sunshine West

Victoria 3020

THE COMMON SEAL of the ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

was affixed pursuant to the authority of the Commission on 26 October 2023

Kate Symons

**CHAIRPERSON** 

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION A.B.N. 71 185 498 668

## Part A - Interpretation

#### 1 Definitions

1.1 Unless the contrary intention appears, a term has the meaning shown opposite it:

Act the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic)

**Administrator** means an administrator appointed by the

Commission under section 34 of the Act in respect of the Licensee's Retail Business

**AEMO** the Australian Energy Market Operator Limited

(ACN 072 010 327)

Business Day a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public

holiday in Victoria

Code of Practice means a Code of Practice made under Part 6 of

the ESC Act or relevant legislation

**Commission** the Essential Services Commission established

under the ESC Act

**Customer** a person to whom electricity is sold for premises

by a Retailer or who proposes to purchase electricity for premises from a Retailer.

Energy Retail Code of Practice means the code of practice of that name made

under Part 6 of the ESC Act.

**ESC Act** the Essential Services Commission Act 2001

(Vic)

**Licensee** Onsite Energy Solutions Pty Ltd (ACN 164 385

693)

**Minister** the person who is, from time to time, the Minister

administering the Act

National Electricity Law means the National Electricity (Victoria) Law as

in force in Victoria under the National Electricity

(Victoria) Act 2005 (Vic)

National Electricity Rules means the National Electricity Rules as in force

from time to time under the National Electricity

Law.

**Objectives** the objectives specified in section 10 of the Act

and section 8 of the ESC Act

**Retail Business** means the business that a Retailer carries on

under its Retail Licence or exemption granted

under the Act

**Retail Licence** a licence, granted under the Act, authorising the

holder thereof to sell electricity

Retailer a person who holds or is exempt from holding a

Retail Licence

Small Renewable Energy **Generation Electricity** 

has the same meaning as in section 40F of the Act, save that it includes electricity supplied from a qualifying solar energy generation facility within

the meaning of section 40F of the Act

Standard Electricity Licence **Conditions for Electricity** 

Retail

The document of that name as published by the commission on 12 July 2022 (as varied from time

to time in accordance with law)

means the market for wholesale trading in **Wholesale Electricity Market** 

electricity operated by AEMO under the National

**Electricity Rules** 

1.2 In this Licence, unless the context otherwise requires:

> i. headings and footnotes are each for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Licence:

- words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; ii.
- iii. words importing a gender include any gender;
- iv. an expression importing a natural person includes any company, partnership, trust, joint venture, association, corporation or other body corporate and any governmental agency;
- a reference to a condition, clause, or part is to a condition, clause, or part of this ٧. Licence;
- vi. a reference to any statute including the Act and regulation, proclamation, Order in Council, ordinance, code, guideline, procedure or by-law includes all statutes, regulations, proclamations, Orders in Council, ordinances, codes, guidelines, procedures or by-laws varying, consolidating, re-enacting, extending or replacing them and a reference to a statute includes all regulations, proclamations, Orders in Council, ordinances, by-laws and determinations issued under that statute;
- νii. a reference to a document or a provision of a document includes an amendment or supplement to, or replacement or novation of, that document or that provision of that document;
- a reference to a person includes that person's executors, administrators, successors, viii. substitutes (including, without limitation, persons taking by novation) and permitted assigns;
- other parts of speech and grammatical forms of a word or phrase defined in this ix. Licence have a corresponding meaning;
- a period of time: Χ.
  - which dates from a given day or the day of an act or event is to be calculated exclusive of that day; or

- 2. which commences on a given day or the day of an act or event is to be calculated inclusive of that day;
- xi. an event which is required under this Licence to occur on or by a stipulated day which is not a Business Day may occur on or by the next Business Day.

#### 2 Notices

- 2.1 A notice under this Licence is only effective if it is in writing, and dealt with as follows:
  - i. if given by the Licensee to the Commission addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission at the physical or email address specified below or as otherwise notified by the Commission:

Essential Services Commission Level 8, 570 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC 3000 licences@esc.vic.gov.au

ii. if given by the Commission to the Licensee – given by the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission and addressed (and marked for attention of) the Managing Director of the Licensee at the physical or email address specified below, or as otherwise notified by the Licensee:

Onsite Energy Solutions Pty Ltd 158 Proximity Drive Sunshine West Victoria 3020 bruce@energymakeovers.com.au

#### A notice is to be:

- iii. signed by or on behalf of the person giving the notice and delivered by hand; or
- iv. signed by or on behalf of the person giving the notice and sent by pre-paid post; or
- v. transmitted electronically by or on behalf of the person giving the notice by electronic mail.
- 2.2. A notice is deemed to be effected:
  - i. if delivered by hand upon delivery to the relevant address;
  - ii. if sent by post, in accordance with section 160(1) of the Evidence Act 2008 (Vic);
  - iii. if transmitted electronically in accordance with the Electronic Transactions (Victoria) Act 2000 (Vic).
- 2.3. A notice received after 5.00pm, or on a day that is not a Business Day, is deemed to be effected on the next Business Day.

### Part B – Licence

#### **3** Grant of the Licence

- 3.1 This Licence was first granted on 4 June 2014 and has been varied on the dates set out in Schedule 1 of the Licence.
- 3.2 Subject to clauses 3.3, 3.4 and 9, in exercise of its powers under section 19 of the Act, the Commission grants the Licensee a licence to sell electricity on the terms and conditions set out in this Licence.
- 3.3 Subject to clause 9, this Licence does not permit the Licensee to sell electricity through the Wholesale Electricity Market except when settling Small Renewable Energy Generation Electricity exports by a Customer through AEMO.
- 3.4 This Licence is subject to any prohibition set out in any Order in Council issued and in force under section 23 of the Act.

#### 4 Variation

4.1 The Commission may vary this licence in accordance with section 29 of the Act.

#### 5 Transfer

5.1 This Licence may be transferred in accordance with section 31 of the Act.

#### 6 Revocation

- 6.1 The Commission may revoke this Licence:
  - i. at any time at the request of, or with the consent of, the Licensee; or
  - ii. in accordance with the Act.
- Where the Commission proposes to revoke this Licence, the Commission will issue a notice to the Licensee, specifying:
  - i. the basis upon which the Commission proposes to revoke the Licence; and
  - ii. the date upon which the revocation is proposed to take effect, such date to be:
    - in the case of a breach of clauses 7 or 8.1 of the Standard Electricity Licence Conditions for Electricity Retail, or where in the Commission's opinion it is appropriate that the Licence be revoked in a shorter time frame having regard to its Objectives and the events or circumstances that gave rise to the notice being issued, no less than 5 Business Days after the date upon which the notice is issued; and
    - 2. in all other cases, no less than 20 Business Days after the date upon which the notice is issued;

- iii. that the Licensee has the opportunity to make representations on the matter and the time and date and manner in which those representations must be made.
- 6.3 The Commission must consider any submissions received by the licensee prior to making a decision to revoke the licence.
- 6.4 Where the Commission decides to revoke this Licence, the Commission will issue a notice to the Licensee specifying:
  - i. the basis upon which the Commission is revoking the Licence; and
  - ii. the date upon which the revocation takes effect, being no earlier than the date specified in the notice issued pursuant to clause 6.2;

and this Licence will be revoked on the date specified in the notice.

### Part C – Licence Conditions

#### 7 Status of the requirements in this part

7.1 A failure by the Licensee to meet any of the requirements set out in this Part C is a breach of a civil penalty requirement for the purpose of the ESC Act.

#### 8 Standard Electricity Licence Conditions for Electricity Retail

8.1 The Licensee must comply with the Standard Electricity Licence Conditions for Electricity Retail as may be varied from time to time in accordance with section 29 of the Act.

### **9 Special Licence Conditions**

- 9.1 The Licensee must not sell electricity to more than 20 customers, unless:
  - i. the Licensee gives the commission an executed version of the document relating to a services agreement, specified in 9.3; and
  - ii. the Commission has given written notice to the Licensee that it is satisfied with those documents.
- 9.2 The the Commission has given notice under 9.1(ii), the Licensee may sell electricity to a maximum of 2,350 customers.
- 9.3 The document specified for the purpose of 9.1(i) must be between the Licensee and a Retailer relating to a services agreement that covers areas including hedging and wholesale price risk management, prudential requirements, customer service and dispute resolution activities, billing services, metering data services, compliance functions, wholesale market management services and risk management services.

**Note to clause 9.** The commission notes that this condition was agreed on the basis that the Commission will give notice to the Licensee of its decision with respect to 9.1(ii) within 20 Business Days of receipt of those documents.

**Note:** The conditions identified in Part C of this Licence are not an exhaustive list of a Licensee's obligations. A licensee is required to comply with additional obligations as set out in the Act and instruments made under that Act. In particular, obligations are placed on the Licensee in Codes of Practice, including the Energy Retail Code of Practice.

# Schedule 1 – Variations to the Licence

Date	Variation
4 June 2014	Licence issued to Onsite Energy Solutions Pty Ltd (ABN 92 164 385 693)
2 December 2015	Licence varied by extending the termination date to 2 June 2016 and adding a new condition 18, material events
1 June 2016	Licence varied by extending the termination date to 31 March 2017
1 March 2017	Licence varied by extending the termination date to 31 March 2019
23 January 2019	Licence varied by extending the termination date to 31 December 2022 and including new condition 18.3 (change of control)
22 June 2022	Varied (with effect from 12 September 2022) to reflect the decision published by the Commission on 12 July 2022 following completion of the energy retail licence review.
14 December 2022	Licence varied by extending the termination date to 1 November 2023.
24 October 2023	<ul> <li>Licence varied to increase the number of customers the Licensee would be authorised to sell electricity to from 20 customers to 2,350 customers, subject to satisfying conditions detailed in clause 9 and</li> <li>Licence varied to remove the licence condition relating to the termination of the licence.</li> </ul>