



Exclusion for Guaranteed Service Level payments, Powercor Australia Limited – 21 October 2021

Guaranteed service level payment exclusion for an outage at the Wemen Terminal Station on 21 October 2021

Powercor Australia Limited (Powercor) applied to the commission on 1 December 2021 seeking exclusion from making supply restoration payments and low reliability payments (guaranteed service level payments), related to an event on 21 October 2021 at the Wemen Terminal Station (the Wemen Terminal Station power outage event).

On 30 March 2022, the Essential Services Commission granted an exclusion to Powercor from making guaranteed service level payments relating to the Wemen Terminal Station power outage event.

Under clause 6.3.4(b) of the Electricity Distribution Code, distributors can be excluded from making guaranteed service level payments for power outages, if it was caused by the failure of the shared transmission network.

After reviewing the information Powercor provided, the commission is satisfied that Powercor qualifies to be granted an exclusion from the obligation to make guaranteed service level payments in relation to the Ausnet Wemen Termination Station power outage event.

The commission was satisfied that the outage on 21 October 2021 was caused by design issues with the backup battery supply system at the Wemen Terminal Station. This resulted in the unintentional activation of 66kV transformer circuit breakers and shutdown of transmission assets.

Essential Services Commission

30 March 2022