

# ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000 APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY WHOLESALE LICENCE

Moorabool Wind Farm Interface Company Pty Ltd (ACN 615 752 317)

**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 Moorabool Wind Farm Interface Company Pty Ltd (ACN 615 752 317) (**MWFIC**) a licence to sell electricity generated at the Moorabool North wind farm and Moorabool South wind farm through the wholesale market.

#### BACKGROUND

# Requirement to obtain a Licence

Section 16(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person must not engage in the sale of electricity 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 sell electricity.

# The applicant

On 11 February 2019, MWFIC applied to the commission for a licence authorising it to sell the electricity generated at the Moorabool North wind farm and Moorabool South wind farm through the wholesale market.

# The application

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

In particular, MWFIC presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity.

On 19 February 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 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:

- MWFIC has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted, and
- MWFIC 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 Commission Act and Industry Act, the Commission has decided to grant MWFIC a licence to sell electricity. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the sale of electricity generated at the Moorabool North wind farm and Moorabool South wind farm through the wholesale market.

THE COMMON SEAL of THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

was affixed pursuant to the authority of the Commission on 17 April 2019

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