



Electricity

**Licence**



## Electricity Generation Licence

Snowtown South Wind Farm Pty Ltd

ACN 156 407 313

Issued by the Essential Services Commission on 10 July 2012.

Last varied by the Essential Services Commission on 8 August 2019.

## Variation history

Amendment number	Variation date	Reason	
ESCOSA01	25 September 2012	Amendment to Annexure 1.	
ESCOSA02	29 May 2013	Updating of clause 9 and administrative changes.	
ESCOSA03	23 July 2013	Amendment to clause 8.2.	
ESCOSA04	8 August 2019	Licence varied to reflect amendments to the Act and update outdated references.	

## 1 Definitions and interpretation

- 1.1 Words appearing in bold like **this** are defined in part 1 of the schedule.
- 1.2 This licence must be interpreted in accordance with the rules set out in part 2 of the schedule.

## 2 Grant of licence

- 2.1 The **licensee** is licensed under Part 3 of the **Act**, and subject to the conditions set out in this licence, to generate electricity:
  - (a) using the **electricity generating plant** as specified in Annexure 1; and
  - (b) at the location described in Annexure 2.

## 3 Term

- 3.1 This licence commences on the date it is issued and continues until it is:
  - (a) surrendered by the **licensee** under section 29 of the **Act**; or
  - (b) suspended or cancelled by the **Commission** under section 37 of the **Act**.

## 4 Access

- 4.1 The **licensee** must:
  - (a) in accordance with, and to the extent required by, the **Electricity Transmission Code**, grant to a **network service provider**, rights to use, or have access to, those parts of the **licensee's electricity generating plant** that are interconnected or interface with the **network service provider's** assets for the purpose of ensuring the proper integrated operation of the South Australian power system and the proper conduct of the operations authorised by the **network service provider's** transmission licence or distribution licence; and
  - (b) in the absence of agreement as to the terms on which such rights are to be granted, comply with a determination of the **Commission** as to those terms.

## 5 Dispute resolution

- 5.1 A dispute relating to the granting of rights to use or have access to the inter-connecting assets of the **licensee's electricity generating plant** referred to in clause 4 shall be resolved in accordance with any applicable **industry code** developed by the **Commission** for the resolution of disputes.
- 5.2 Clause 5.1 does not apply to the extent the dispute is subject to resolution in accordance with or under the **National Electricity Rules**.

## 6 Compliance with codes

- 6.1 The **licensee** must:
  - (a) comply with all applicable provisions of the **Electricity Transmission Code**, the **Electricity Distribution Code** and the **Electricity Metering Code**;



- (b) comply with all provisions of any Code or rule made by the Commission from time to time; and
- (c) notify the Commission if it commits a material breach of the Electricity Transmission Code, the Electricity Distribution Code or the Electricity Metering Code within 3 days after becoming aware of that breach.

## 7 Safety, reliability, maintenance and technical management plan

### 7.1 The licensee must:

- (a) prepare, maintain and periodically revise a safety, reliability, maintenance and technical management plan dealing with matters prescribed by regulation;
- (b) obtain the approval of the Technical Regulator:
  - (i) to the plan (prior to commencement of the operation of the electricity generating plant to which the plan relates); and
  - (ii) to any revision of the plan;
- (c) comply with the plan as approved from time to time in accordance with clause 7.1(b); and
- (d) undertake audits of its compliance with the plan from time to time and report the results of those audits to the Technical Regulator, in the form required by the Technical Regulator.

## 8 National electricity market

- 8.1 Subject to clause 8.2, the licensee must hold and comply with the conditions of any registration required under the National Electricity Rules granted by AEMO (or the person responsible for the granting of such registrations under the National Electricity Law or the National Electricity Rules) at all times that such registration is required for the operations authorised by this licence.
- 8.2 In respect of the electricity generating plant which the licensee is authorised to operate under this licence, the licensee:
  - (a) must be registered as a market generator under the National Electricity Rules; or
  - (b) in the event that an intermediary acts on behalf of the licensee under the provisions of the National Electricity Rules, ensure that the intermediary is registered as a market generator under the National Electricity Rules.

## 9 Fault ride through capability

- 9.1 Each generating unit which the Licensee is authorised to operate under this licence must comply with:
  - (a) the automatic access standards for generating system response to disturbances following contingency events specified in clause S5.2.5.5(b)(1) of the National Electricity Rules; and

- (b) subject to clause 9.2, the automatic access standards for generating system response to disturbances following contingency events specified in clause S5.2.5.5(b)(2) of the **National Electricity Rules**; and
  - (c) subject to clause 9.3, the automatic access standards for generating system response to voltage disturbances specified in clauses S5.2.5.4 of the **National Electricity Rules**.
- 9.2 The **Licensee** is not required to comply with clause 9.1(b) in respect of a **generating unit** which the **Licensee** is authorised to operate under this licence where:
  - (a) the minimum access standard requirements specified in clause S5.2.5.5(c)(2) of the **National Electricity Rules** in relation to generating system response to disturbances following contingency events; and
  - (b) the requirements of clauses S5.2.5.5(d), (e) and (f) of the **National Electricity Rules**,
  - (c) are satisfied in respect of that **generating unit**.
- 9.3 The **licensee** is not required to comply with clause 9.1(c) in respect of a **generating unit** which the **licensee** is authorised to operate under this licence where:
  - (a) AEMO and the relevant **network service provider** have agreed, pursuant to clause S5.2.5.4(c)(3) of the **National Electricity Rules**, that there would be no material adverse impact on the quality of supply to other network users of power system security as a result of that non-compliance; and
  - (b) the requirements of clauses S5.2.5.4(c), (d), (e) and (f) of the **National Electricity Rules** are otherwise satisfied in respect of that **generating unit**.

## 10 Reactive power capability

- 10.1 The **electricity generating plant** operated by the **licensee** must at all times be capable of continuous operation at a power factor of between 0.93 leading and 0.93 lagging at real power outputs exceeding 5MW at the connection point.
- 10.2 The **electricity generating plant** operated by the **licensee** must at all times be capable of providing:
  - (a) subject to clause 10.4(b), at least 50 percent of the reactive power required to meet the power factors referred to in clause 10.1 on a dynamically variable basis; and
  - (b) the balance of the reactive power required to meet the power factor referred to in clause 10.1 on a non-dynamic basis.
- 10.3 At generation levels below full rated output the **electricity generating plant** operated by the **licensee** must be capable of:
  - (a) absorbing reactive power at a level at least pro-rata to that of full output; and
  - (b) delivering reactive power at a level at least pro-rata to that of full output.
- 10.4 For the purposes of clause 10.2(a):
  - (a) dynamically variable means continuous modulation of the reactive power output over its range, with an initial response time or dead time of less than 200 milliseconds and a rise time (as defined in clause S5.2.5.13 of the **National Electricity Rules**) of less than 1 second following a voltage disturbance on the network; and



- (b) for a period of not more than 2 seconds on any single occasion, a short-term overload capability may be used to meet the 50 percent requirement, provided that use of that short-term overload capability does not cause a breach of any other licence condition.
- 10.5 The reactive power capability of the **electricity generation plant** operated by the **licensee** must be capable of control by a fast-acting, continuously variable, voltage control system which is able to receive a local and remote voltage set point.
- 10.6 The **electricity generating plant** operated by the **licensee** must be able to operate at either a set reactive power, or a set power factor, which is able to be set locally or remotely at any time.
- 10.7 The power factor or reactive power control mode of the **electricity generating plant** operated by the **licensee** must be capable of:
  - (a) being overridden by voltage support mode during power system voltage disturbances; and
  - (b) automatically reverting to power factor or reactive power mode when the disturbance has ceased.

## 11 Wind forecasting

- 11.1 In the event that any **generating unit** which the **Licensee** is authorised to operate under this licence is classified under the **National Electricity Rules** other than as a semi-scheduled **generating unit**, the **Licensee** must, on request, provide to **AEMO** or the **Commission**, accurate and verifiable wind energy forecasting data and temperature data, appropriately constructed wind energy conversion models, documents and other information concerning the operation of that **generating unit**.
- 11.2 Any data, models, documents and information requested under this clause must be provided in the manner and form and within the time frame specified by the **AEMO** or the **Commission**.

## 12 Information to AEMO

- 12.1 The electricity generating plant operated by the **licensee** must be:
  - (a) able to meet the requirements specified by **AEMO** from time to time for the real time supply of data on active and reactive power for at least 3 hours following total loss of supply at the connection point; and
  - (b) capable of remote control by **AEMO**.
- 12.2 In the event that any **generating unit** which the **licensee** is authorised to operate under this licence is classified under the **National Electricity Rules** other than as a semi-scheduled **generating unit**, the **licensee** must provide **AEMO** with forecasts of expected generation output for the purposes of incorporation into pre-dispatch, medium term and long term Projected Assessment of System Adequacy data.

## 13 System controller and AEMO

- 13.1 The **licensee** must, following a request from **AEMO**, provide to **AEMO** such documents and information as **AEMO** may reasonably require for the performance of its functions under the Act.
- 13.2 The **licensee** must comply with any directions given to it by the **System Controller**.

## 14 Information to the Commission

- 14.1 The licensee must, from time to time, provide to the Commission, in a manner and form determined by the Commission:
- (a) details of the licensee's financial, technical and other capacity to continue the operations authorised by this licence; and
  - (b) such other information as the Commission may require from time to time.
- 14.2 The licensee must notify the Commission of any changes to its officers, and (if applicable) major shareholders, within 30 days of that change.

## 15 Operational and compliance audits

- 15.1 The licensee must undertake periodic audits of the operations authorised by this licence and of its compliance with its obligations under this licence and any applicable Codes in accordance with the requirements of Electricity Industry Guideline No. 4 issued by the Commission.
- 15.2 The licensee must also conduct any further audits at a frequency and in a manner approved by the Commission.
- 15.3 The results of audits conducted under this clause must be reported to the Commission in a manner approved by the Commission.
- 15.4 The Commission may require the licensee to use an independent expert approved by the Commission to conduct audits under this clause.
- 15.5 The Commission may require the costs of using an independent expert approved by the Commission to conduct audits under this clause to be met by the licensee.

## 16 Confidentiality

The licensee must, unless otherwise required by law, this licence, an industry code, or the National Electricity Rules, comply with any rules made by the Commission from time to time relating to the use of information acquired by the licensee in the course of operating the business authorised by this licence.

## 17 Community service

- 17.1 The licensee must comply with the requirements of any scheme approved and funded by the Minister for the provision by the State of customer concessions or the performance of community service obligations by the electricity entities.

## 18 Compatibility

- 18.1 The licensee must not do anything to its electricity generating plant affecting the compatibility of its electricity generating plant with any distribution network or transmission network so as to prejudice public safety or the security of the power system of which the electricity generating plant forms a part.

## 19 Insurance

- 19.1 The licensee must undertake and maintain during the term of this licence insurance against liability for causing bush fires.
- 19.2 The licensee must provide to the **Commission** a certificate of the insurer or the insurance broker by whom the insurance was arranged (in a form acceptable to the **Commission**) to the effect that such insurance is adequate and appropriate, given the nature of the licensee's activities conducted under this licence and the risks associated with those activities.

## 20 Compliance with laws

- 20.1 The licensee must comply with all applicable laws including, but not limited to, any technical or safety requirements or standards contained in regulations made under the **Act**.

## 21 Switching Manual

- 21.1 The licensee must:
- (a) prepare and maintain an internal switching manual in accordance with the **regulations**; and
  - (b) comply with any other requirements relating to switching prescribed in the **regulations**.

## 22 Variation

- 22.1 This licence may only be varied in accordance with section 27 of the **Act**.

## 23 Transfer

- 23.1 This licence may only be transferred in accordance with section 28 of the **Act**.



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Commissioner

8 August 2019

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# Schedule: Definitions and Interpretation

## 1. Definitions

In this licence:

**Act** means the *Electricity Act 1996* (SA);

**AEMO** means the Australian Energy Market Operator Ltd (ABN 94 072 010 327);

**business day** means a day on which banks are open for general banking business in Adelaide, excluding a Saturday or Sunday;

**Commission** means the Essential Services Commission established under the ESC Act;

**distribution licence** means a licence to operate a **distribution network** granted under Part 3 of the Act;

**distribution network** has the meaning given to that term under the Act;

**Electricity Distribution Code** means the **code** of that name made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the ESC Act which regulates connections to a **distribution network** and the supply of electricity by distributors;

**electricity entity** means a person who has been granted a licence under Part 3 of the Act to carry on operations in the electricity supply industry;

**electricity generating plant** includes all **generating units** and all other equipment involved in generating electrical energy authorised to be operated by the licensee under this licence.

**Electricity Metering Code** means the **code** of that name made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the ESC Act which regulates the installation, maintenance and testing of meters;

**Electricity Transmission Code** means the **code** of that name made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the ESC Act;

**ESC Act** means the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002* (SA);

**generator** means a holder of a licence to generate electricity granted under Part 3 of the Act;

**generating unit** means each individual unit producing electrical energy and all the related equipment essential to that unit's functioning as a single entity.

**industry code** means any code made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the ESC Act from time to time;

**licensee** means Snowtown South Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 156 407 313);

**Minister** means the person who is responsible for the administration of the Act;

**National Electricity Rules** has the meaning given to that term in the **National Electricity Law**;

**National Electricity Law** means the *National Electricity Law* referred to in the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* (SA);

**network service provider** means the holder of a **distribution licence** or a **transmission licence** (as the case may be) issued by the **Commission** under Part 3 of the Act;

**officer** means a director or secretary;

**regulation** means a regulation made under the **Act**;

**rule** means any rule issued by the **Commission** under section 28 of the **ESC Act**;

**System Controller** means the person licensed under Part 3 of the **Act** to exercise system control over a power system;

**Technical Regulator** means the person holding the office of Technical Regulator under Part 2 of the **Act**;

**transmission licence** means a licence to operate a **transmission network** granted under Part 3 of the **Act**; and

**transmission network** has the meaning given to that term under the **Act**.

## 2. Interpretation

In this licence, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this licence;
- (b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (c) words importing a gender include any gender;
- (d) an expression importing a natural person includes any company, partnership, trust, joint venture, association, corporation or other body corporate and any governmental agency;
- (e) a reference to any statute, regulation, proclamation, order in council, ordinance or by-law includes all statutes, regulations, proclamations, orders in council, ordinances 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;
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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**.

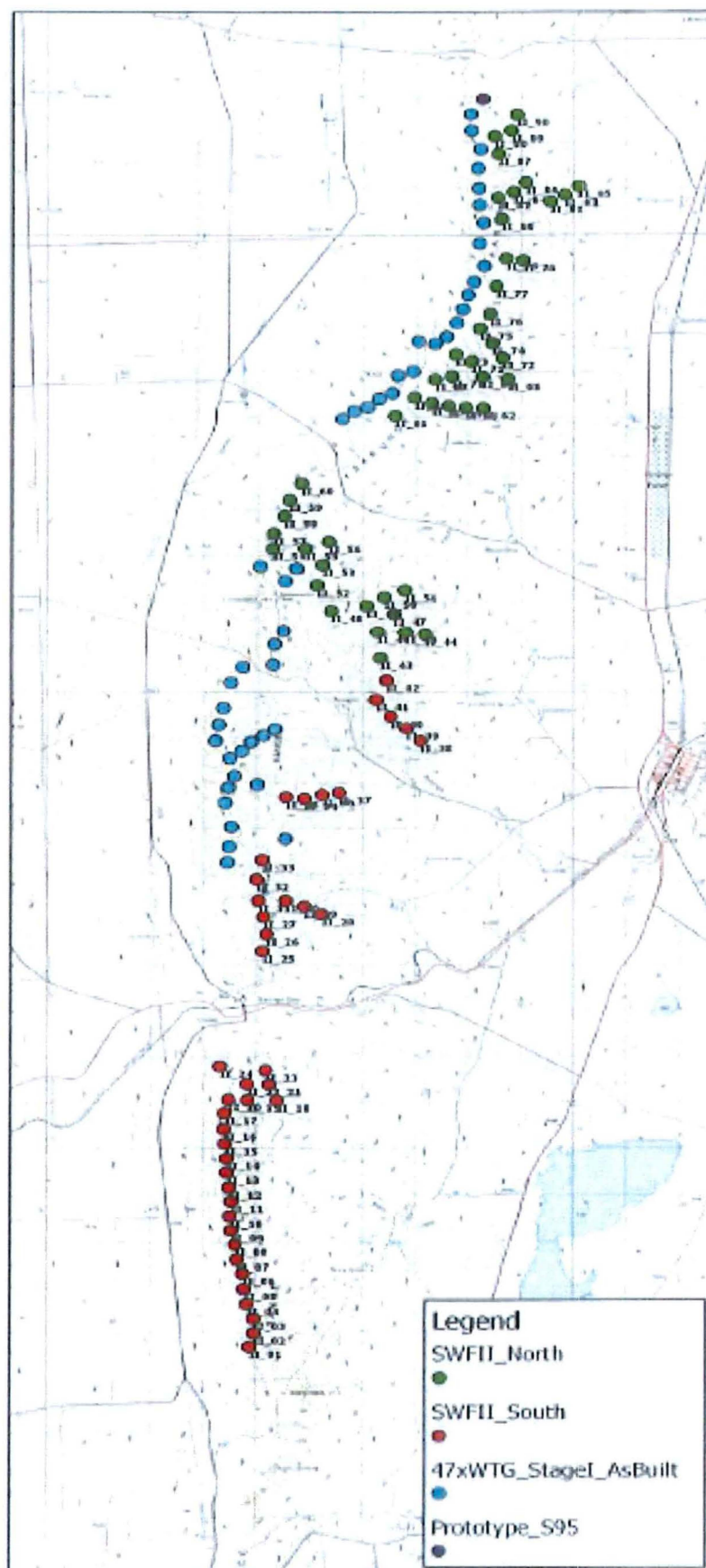


# ANNEXURE

## Annexure 1

1. 42 Siemens 3.0 MW (10 SWT-3.0-101 and 32 SWT-3.0-108) wind turbine electricity generators with a total combined name plate capacity of 126 MW located at the Barunga Range near Snowtown, as part of a Stage 2 expansion of the existing Snowtown Wind Farm.

## Annexure 2 - Location of electricity generating plant





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