



Electricity

Licence



Electricity Transmission Licence

ElectraNet Pty Ltd

ACN 094 482 416

Issued by the South Australian Independent Industry Regulator on 31 October 2000.

Last varied by the Essential Services Commission on 16 October 2019.

Variation history

Amendment number	Variation date	Reason	
1 (ESCOSA)	1 July 2003		
2 (ESCOSA)	7 November 2007		
3 (ESCOSA)	1 July 2008		
ESCOSA04	16 October 2019	Licence varied to reflect amendments to the Act and update outdated references.	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 operate the **transmission network** (including all powerlines, substations and switchyards) that, as at 30 June 2008, provides **transmission services** to the connection points listed in the Annexure (including any augmentations or extensions to that **transmission network** which may occur from time to time).

3 Term

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

4 Access to transmission network

- 4.1 The **licensee** must grant rights to use, or have access to, its **transmission network** (on non-discriminatory terms):
- (a) to other **electricity entities** for the transmission of electricity by the other **electricity entities**; and
 - (b) to enable other **electricity entities** and **customers** to obtain electricity from the **transmission network**.
- 4.2 The **licensee** must:
- (a) in accordance with, and to the extent required by, the Electricity Transmission Code, grant to an **electricity entity** holding a **generation licence** or a **distribution licence**, rights to use, or have access to, those parts of the **licensee's transmission network** that are interconnected or interface with the **electricity entity'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 that **electricity entity's generation 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.
- 4.3 The **licensee** must not refuse to grant the rights to use or have access referred to in this clause unless the **licensee** is permitted to do so under the **National Electricity Rules** or the Electricity Transmission Code.

5 Dispute resolution

- 5.1 A dispute relating to the granting of rights to use, or have access to, a **transmission network** as referred to in clause 4 shall be resolved in accordance with such **industry code** (if any) as is

made by the **Commission** which establishes a scheme for the resolution of disputes in relation to such rights.

- 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** (including any service standards);
- (b) comply with all applicable provisions of any other **industry 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** or any other applicable **industry code** within 3 business 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 Provision of information

8.1 The Licensee must inform:

- (a) each person who applies for, or who is in receipt of, **network services** of the terms and conditions on which those services are provided by the licensee (including the charges for those services); and
- (b) any person who is in receipt of **network services** of any change in the terms and conditions on which those services are provided by the licensee (including any changes in the charges for those services).

9 Ombudsman

- 9.1 The licensee must participate in the Industry Ombudsman Scheme.
- 9.2 The licensee must not do anything to bring about the amendment of the constituent documents of the Industry Ombudsman Scheme without the prior written consent of the Commission.

10 Accounts and separate businesses

- 10.1 The licensee must:
- (a) maintain accounting records and prepare accounts for the business of the operation of the **transmission network** authorised by this licence in a manner and form approved by the Commission; and
 - (b) keep the business of the operation of the **transmission network** authorised by this licence, and the accounts for that business, separate from any other business operated by the licensee and from any business operated by any other person in accordance with the licensee's obligations under the **National Electricity Rules** to comply with the Transmission Ring-Fencing Guidelines issued by the Australian Energy Regulator.

11 National electricity market

- 11.1 At all times during the term of this licence, the licensee must hold and comply with the conditions of any registration required under the **National Electricity Rules** granted by AEMO (or by the person responsible for the granting of such registrations under the **National Electricity Law** or the **National Electricity Rules**).

12 Information to the Commission

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The licensee must notify the Commission of any changes to its officers, and (if applicable) major shareholders, within 30 days of that change.

13 System controller and AEMO

- 13.1 The licensee must, following a request from AEMO provide to AEMO such documents or information as AEMO may reasonably require for the performance of its functions under the Act. Without limitation to the foregoing, such documents and information include documents containing details of and information relating to the location and physical and technical specifications of the assets used by the licensee (including ratings of transformers, the size and rating of transmission line conductors, and the design insulation levels and length of transmission lines) and engineering interpretations of those documents and that information to the extent that those interpretations are prepared by or on behalf of or for the use of the licensee.

- 13.2 The licensee must permit AEMO and its authorised representatives, if AEMO requires, at reasonable times and having given the licensee reasonable notice, to inspect any part of its transmission network but, in exercising these rights of inspection, such representatives:
- (a) must not interfere with the operations or business of the licensee;
 - (b) will be subject to the same limitations upon and conditions of access as apply to any third party visitor to the site; and
 - (c) must comply with all safety requirements and other reasonable directions of the licensee in relation to such access.
- 13.3 The licensee must comply with any directions given to it by the System Controller.

14 Operation and compliance audits

- 14.1 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 industry code in accordance with the requirements of any applicable guidelines issued by the Commission.
- 14.2 The licensee must also conduct any further audits at a frequency and in a manner approved by the Commission.
- 14.3 The results of such audits must be reported to the Commission in a manner approved by the Commission.
- 14.4 The Commission may require the licensee to use an independent expert approved by the Commission to conduct audits under this clause.

15 Operational and compliance audit plan

- 15.1 The licensee must, if directed by the Commission, prepare and submit an operational and compliance audit plan to the Commission for approval.
- 15.2 The operational and compliance audit plan must cover at least the following matters:
- (a) Procedures to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of:
 - (i) the Electricity Transmission Code;
 - (ii) this licence;
 - (iii) the Act.

16 Access for telecommunications purposes

- 16.1 The licensee must comply with the requirements of the Electricity Transmission Code relating to:
- (a) other bodies having use of or access to the licensee's transmission network for telecommunications purposes; and
 - (b) the resolution of disputes in relation to the use of or access to the licensee's transmission network as referred to in paragraph (a).

17 Location of powerlines underground

- 17.1 The licensee must carry out work to locate powerlines underground in accordance with a program established under Part 5A of the Act.

18 Confidentiality

- 18.1 The licensee must, unless otherwise required by law, this licence, an industry code or the National Electricity Rules:
- (a) 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 conducting the operations authorised by this licence; and
 - (b) ensure that information concerning a customer or any other person connected to the licensee's transmission network is not disclosed without the explicit informed consent of that customer or other person.
- 18.2 The licensee must not disclose confidential information to an intelligence or law enforcement agency unless requested to do so by an intelligence or law enforcement agency on the basis that disclosure:
- (a) is necessary under the terms of a warrant issued under Division 2 of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1997* or under the terms of any other court order; or
 - (b) is reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law or of a law imposing a pecuniary penalty or for the protection of the public revenue; or
 - (c) is necessary to safeguard the national security of Australia.
- The licensee may accept an assertion of an intelligence or law enforcement agency, without making further enquiry, for the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (c) above.
- 18.3 Except as required by a law or the National Electricity Rules, the licensee must ensure that any information received from, or provided to, any other electricity entity (including the System Controller) is only received or provided on non-discriminatory commercial terms.

19 Community service

- 19.1 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 electricity entities.

20 Compatibility

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

21 Insurance

- 21.1 The licensee must maintain during the term of this licence insurance against liability for causing bush fires. 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 operations conducted under this licence and the risks associated with those operations.

22 Compliance with laws

- 22.1 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.

23 Switching manual

- 23.1 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.

24 Variation

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

25 Transfer

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

This licence was issued by the South Australian Independent Industry Regulator on 31 October 2000 and last varied by the Commission 16 October 2019.

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Paula Rhoads

Commissioner

16 October 2019

Date

Schedule: Definitions and Interpretation

Part 1 – Definitions

In this licence:

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

AEMO means the Australian Energy Market Operator Ltd (ACN 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 of South Australia established under the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002*;

customer has the meaning given to that term in the **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 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 Transmission Code means the industry code of that name made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the *Essential Services Commission Act*,

Essential Services Commission Act means the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002*;

explicit informed consent has the same meaning as is given to that term in the *Energy Transfer and Consent Code* made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the *Essential Services Commission Act*;

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

industry code means any industry code made by the **Commission** under section 28 the *Essential Services Commission Act*;

Industry Ombudsman Scheme means an ombudsman scheme the terms and conditions of which are approved by the **Commission**,

licensee means ElectraNet Pty Ltd (ACN 094 482 416);

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

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

network services means:

- (a) the transmission of electricity between electricity entities and from electricity entities to customers (including connection to the transmission network); and
- (b) controlling and regulating the quality of electricity.

officer means a director or secretary;

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

rule means any rule made by the **Commission** under section 28 of the **Essential Services Commission Act**;

System Controller means the person (if any) licensed under Part 3 of the **Act** to exercise system control over the power system of which the **licensee's transmission network** forms a part;

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

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

transmission services has the meaning given to that term in the **Electricity Transmission Code**.

Part 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**; and
- (h) a reference in this licence to a **transmission network** of a body includes a reference to a **transmission network** which is not owned by the body but is operated by the body.

ANNEXURE

Connection Points

Entry Point

Canowie (Hallett)	Dry Creek
Mintaro	Monash
Northern Power Station	Osborne
Pelican Point	Penola West
Playford	Port Lincoln
Snuggery	Torrens Island A
Torrens Island B	Torrens Island (North)

Exit Point

Category Name	Connection Point	
Category 1	Baroota	Mt Gunson
	Dalrymple	Murray/Hahndorf 1 *
	Florieton SWER	Murray/Hahndorf 2 *
	Kanmantoo Mine	Murray/Hahndorf 3 *
	Leigh Creek Coal *	Neuroodla
	Leigh Creek South	Roseworthy*
	Mannum/Adelaide 1 *	Stony Point (Whyalla Refiners) - distribution
	Mannum/Adelaide 2 *	Stony Point*
	Mannum/Adelaide 3 *	Waterloo- until 31 December 2009
	Middleback*	Whyalla LMF
	Millbrook *	Davenport *
	Morgan/Whyalla 1 *	Pimba *
	Morgan/Whyalla 2 *	Woomera*
	Morgan/Whyalla 3 *	Wudinna (until 30 June 2009)
	Morgan/Whyalla 4 *	* denotes a customer but does not include a distributor
Category 2	Ardrossan West	
	Kadina East	
	Wudinna (on and from 1 July 2009)	
	Yadnarie	
Category 3	Port Lincoln	
	Snuggery Rural	
	Whyalla Terminal – Main Bus (until 30 June 2010)	

Category Name	Connection Point	
Category 4	Angas Creek Berri/Monash Blanche Brinkworth [Bungama and Pt Pirie] Clare North Coonalpyn West Dorrien Templers Hummocks Keith Kincraig Mannum Mobilong	Mt Barker Mt Gambier North West Bend Playford Snuggery Industrial Tailem Bend Waterloo – from 1 January 2010 Whyalla Terminal – Main Bus (on and from 1 July 2010) Penola West [Dry Creek West, Kilburn, Lefevre, New Osborne and Torrens Island 66kV] [Happy Valley , Magill and Morphett Vale East] [Para and Parafield Gardens West]
Category 5	[Dry Creek East, Magill and Northfield]	
Category 6	Adelaide Central [East Tce, new CityWest substation]	

Connection Point with other Transmission Networks

Tower 28 on the South East to Heywood No's. 1 and 2 - 275kV lines (in proximity to the border between South Australia and Victoria).



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