



Electricity

# Application form for the variation of an Electricity Transmission or Distribution Licence

by the Essential Services Commission of SA under  
the *Electricity Act 1996*

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## Glossary of terms

Commission	Essential Services Commission, established under the <i>Essential Services Commission Act 2002</i>
ESC Act	<i>Essential Services Commission Act 2002</i>
Treasurer	Treasurer for the South Australian Government
Minister	Minister for Energy and Mining
Regulator	Technical Regulator

## Licence variations and conditions

As part of the Essential Services Commission's (Commission) licensing function, it has the power to vary conditions imposed on a licence it has issued. A licence variation may be sought from the Commission pursuant to section 27 of the **Electricity Act (1996)** (Electricity Act). This form may be completed by persons making an application to the Commission for the variation of a licence to authorise electricity transmission or distribution operations in the electricity supply industry in South Australia.

Under section 27 of the **Electricity Act**, the Commission also has the power to vary a licence at any time, subject to statutory procedural requirements, including providing a licensee with reasonable notice of a proposed variation and allowing it the opportunity to make representations on that variation.

There are a broad range of factors that might be potential 'triggers' for the Commission to consider varying a licence or adding new conditions. These include factors both external and internal to a licensee, and may include (without limitation):

- ▶ material changes in market operations, outcomes or structures
- ▶ changes to applicable national or State legislation, rules or policy
- ▶ the findings of a formal inquiry undertaken by the Commission
- ▶ substantive changes to operations which would have a genuine connection to, or impact on, the operations authorised under a licence
- ▶ an application by a licensee to vary its licence (for example, to add or remove transmission or distribution operations), and
- ▶ evidence of upgrades or material changes to a licensee's business or operational practices relating to the operations authorised under a licence.

In considering a potential licence variation, the Commission must consider the factors specified in section 6 of the ESC Act (which sets out the Commission's primary statutory objective and other relevant considerations), the objects of the Electricity Act (as set out in section 3 of that Act). It will also be informed by any information submitted by a licensee to which the variation may apply, through public consultation and by engagement with regulatory agencies involved in the electricity supply industry.

### Licence conditions

Part 3 of the Electricity Act requires the Commission to place certain conditions in licences. The Commission strongly recommends that applicants review these mandatory conditions. Applicants must be familiar with the relevant conditions and confident that they can comply with the conditions.

# How to apply for a transmission or distribution licence variation

This form may be completed by persons making application to the Commission for the variation of a licence to authorise electricity transmission or distribution operations in the electricity supply industry in South Australia.

It is essential that applicants read the Commission's [Advisory Bulletin – Licensing arrangements for the electricity and gas supply industries](#) before they complete this form.

## Use of this form and applicant's responsibilities

An application for a variation to an electricity transmission or distribution licence can only be made by the holder of an existing transmission or distribution licence.

For the purpose of this application form, reference to the term "Officer" include the applicant's directors and secretary, and other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business of the applicant (e.g., Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager etc.).

Applicants should list the information requested in the spaces provided in this form and enclose additional information where required. Applicants must take all reasonable steps to ensure the information provided in the application form is complete, true, and correct and are required to make a declaration to that effect in the application form. Failure to disclose information, or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information, may result in a licence not being issued or in the suspension or cancellation of a licence on a later date.

Applicants are responsible for providing the Commission with current, accurate and relevant documentation. This will ensure that the application is processed promptly and without delay. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If insufficient information is provided with an application, the Commission will request additional information to be submitted before the application is considered further.

## Application fees

There is currently no application fee set for the variation of a licence.

Holding a licence incurs annual licence fees<sup>1</sup>. The licence fees determined by the Minister for Energy and Mining are administered by the Commission. At annual intervals, the Commission, on behalf of the Minister, will send to each licensee, depending on the category within the sector, an invoice for the licence fee. Licence fees are to be paid on receipt of an invoice via one of the payment options set out in the invoice.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/industry/electricity/licensing/licence-fees>

## How to lodge an application

Applicants may send their completed application form electronically (preferred) or in writing to:

Electronically to: [licensing@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:licensing@escosa.sa.gov.au)

In writing to: Essential Services Commission of SA  
GPO Box 2605  
Adelaide SA 5001

## Consultation and confidentiality

The Commission will consult with relevant government, industry and consumer groups in the conduct of its licensing functions through a public consultation process. Consequently, applications and/or supporting information will be made available on the Commission's website and in hard copy from the Commission's office for this purpose.

If applicants believe that they are providing confidential information when completing this form, they should write "this information is confidential" after any such information. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure this is clearly highlighted on the form. Applicants should also provide a 'non-confidential' version of the form capable of publication on the Commission's website.

The Commission will use information supplied in applications and in support of applications in accordance with the requirements of Part 5 of the ESC Act. Applicants claiming confidentiality are encouraged to familiarise themselves with Part 5. Applicants should note that the Commission may disclose confidential information in some circumstances.

## Further information

Applicants should note that the Commission may ask applicants who have submitted an application form to provide further information to the Commission, or to clarify the information that they have already provided, if required.

Please note, where an application lacks sufficient detail, and the Commission is required to request additional information from an applicant, delays in the assessment of the application may occur.



# Licence variation application form

## 1 The Applicant

(Applicants must answer all questions in this section)

### 1.1 Licence details

Please provide details of the licence for which a variation is sought (e.g., legal entity, ACN/ABN, authorised operations).

OZ Minerals Prominent Hill Operations Pty Ltd; ACN 091 546 691.....

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### 1.2 Contact person on behalf of applicant

The full name, title and contact details of a person to whom the Commission can direct enquiries and correspondence about the application.

Full name: Alex Murdoch.....

Title: Senior Electrical Engineer.

Business address: 2 Hamra Drive, Adelaide Airport.....

..... State:

South Australia.....

Post code: 5950.....

Postal address (if different to Business address):

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State: .....

Post code: .....

Telephone: .....

Facsimile: .....

E-mail: .....

### 1.3 Contact person for compliance matters and reporting

The full name and title of the person to whom the Commission can direct enquiries and correspondence about compliance matters and annual reporting responsibilities.

Full name: Alex Murdoch.....

Title: Senior Electrical Engineer.

Business address: 2 Hamra Drive, Adelaide Airport.....

..... State:

South Australia..... Post code: 5950 .....

Postal address (if different to Business address):

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State: ..... Post code: .....

Telephone: ..... Facsimile: .....

E-mail: .....

### 1.4 Diagram of corporate or other structure

Has the corporate or other structure changed since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, please attach with this application form details of the corporate or other structure, including details of any related companies within the meaning of the **Corporations Act 2001** (Corporations Act), together with a diagram of the organisational chart, including composition of the board, management, and other key personnel responsible for the key functions of the business.

## 2 Variation application

(Applicants must answer all questions in this section)

## 2.1 Date from which variation is sought

Applicants should usually allow the Commission a minimum of 16 weeks to consider a variation application, as a public consultation period of four weeks forms part of the Commission's consideration of variation applications. If the applicant seeks to have the licence varied by a certain date, provide this date. Please note that the Commission does not undertake to vary the licence by this date.

25-July-2023. ....

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## 2.2 Nature and scope of operations for which the variation is sought

Applicants for a transmission or distribution licence variation must state the location of the transmission or distribution network the voltage of the network, and the rated capacity of the network (MW and MVA). Applicants should attach a map showing the proposed route of the network.

Installation of new transformer (132kV to 11kV), additional capacitors/harmonic filters. There is no change to the existing 132kV transmission line (or towers). The additional equipment will support the operation of the line consistent with the original design transmission line thermal rating (80 degrees C).

Oz Minerals Prominent Hill Ltd also seeks to remove references in the transmission license to the number of transformers and capacitors. These changes don't reflect an expansion of the transmission network. This change will afford flexibility in the operation of the transmission infrastructure within the design envelope of the network consistent with the customer performance standards under the connection agreement. ....

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### 3 Suitability of applicant to hold a licence

(Applicants must answer all questions in this section)

#### 3.1 Standard of honesty and integrity shown by applicant

In deciding whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold a licence, the Commission may:

- ▶ consider the applicant's previous commercial and other dealings, and
- ▶ the standard of honesty and integrity shown in those dealings.

Has there been a change in the standard of honesty and integrity shown by applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, please provide information that will assist the Commission in its consideration of this matter. If the applicant:

- ▶ has been found guilty of any criminal offence
- ▶ has been successfully prosecuted under any Territory, State or Commonwealth legislation (such as the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* or the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*)
- ▶ has been the subject of disciplinary action, or
- ▶ has been the subject of any past or present administrative or legal actions in relation to an authorisation, authority, or licence in any industry,

Details of such matters must be disclosed. Failure to disclose such information or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information may result in the cancellation of a licence.

The Commission may use the service of an external expert to assist with the assessment of the applicant's standard of honesty and integrity.

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### 3.2 Standard of honesty and integrity shown by officers and major shareholders of the applicant

Has there been a change in the standard of honesty and integrity shown by officers and major shareholders of the applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, applicants should address responses to this question in the same manner as 3.1 above except where it relates to officers and major shareholders of the applicant.

Please also supply details of any policies and procedures addressing the probity and competence of officers and other key management staff.

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### 3.3 Names and addresses of the officers of the applicant

Has there been a change in the names and addresses of the applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, state the names and addresses of the officers of the applicant. "Officers" of the applicant include the applicant's directors and secretary, and other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business of the applicant.

Full name: Dinesh James Bishop .....

Date of birth: [REDACTED] ..... Office held: Director

Address: [REDACTED] .....

State: [REDACTED] ..... Post code: [REDACTED] .....

Full name: Justin Cameron Bauer.....

Date of birth: [REDACTED] ..... Office held: Director

Address: [REDACTED] .....

State: [REDACTED] ..... Post code: .....

Full name: **Robert Mancini** .....

Date of birth: [REDACTED] ..... Office held: Secretary

Address: [REDACTED] .....

State: [REDACTED] ..... Post code: [REDACTED] .....

Full name: **Angeli Gayfer** .....

Date of birth: [REDACTED] ..... Office held: Secretary

Address: [REDACTED] .....

State: [REDACTED] ..... Post code: [REDACTED] .....

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### 3.4 Names and addresses of major shareholders of applicant

Has there been a change in the names and addresses of major shareholders of the applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, state the full names and addresses of the major shareholders of the applicant

Name: **Minotaur Resources Holdings Pty Ltd** .....

Date of birth (if applicable): ..... Office held (if applicable): .....

Address:

Level 18, 171 Collins Street, MELBOURNE ..... State:

Victoria ..... Post code: 3000 .....

Name: .....

Date of birth (if applicable): ..... Office held (if applicable): .....

Address:

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..... Post code: .....

### 3.5 Details of the group members

Has there been a change in the details of the group members since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, please include information about entities controlled by the applicant, or by the ultimate parent entity of the applicant (if applicable).

On 2 May 2023, BHP Lonsdale Investments Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP Group Limited (ASX: BHP), acquired 100% of the shares in OZ Minerals Limited. Refer to the attached ASX announcement.....

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### 3.6 Additional information

Has there been a change in the additional information provided since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, please answer the following questions.

Is the applicant a resident of, or does it have permanent establishment in, Australia? Where the answer to this question is no, please provide further detail.

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Is the applicant under external administration (as defined in the *Corporations Act*) or under a similar form of administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction? Where the answer to this question is yes, please provide further detail.

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Is the applicant immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the *Electricity Act*? Where the answer to this question is yes, please provide further detail.

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Is the applicant capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia? Where the answer to this question is no, please provide further detail.

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### 3.7 Financial resources available to the applicant

Updated financial information must be provided by the applicant to support the variation application if:

- ▶ information about the financial resources available to the applicant has not been provided to the Commission in the last 12 months, or
- ▶ there has been a material change to the financial resources available to the applicant since information has been provided to the Commission in the last 12 months.

In the last 12 months, has the applicant provided information to the Commission that accurately reflects the financial resources currently available to the applicant?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If YES, proceed to next question.

If NO, provide information about the financial resources available to the applicant. If the applicant is a company, please also enclose:

- ▶ copies of all audited profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the last three financial years (including all notes)
- ▶ director's declaration that the financial statements comply with accounting standards, give a true and fair view, have been made in accordance with the *Corporations Act* and that there are reasonable grounds to believe the company/entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due, and
- ▶ the director's report and the audit opinion.

If the applicant is a subsidiary company, please also provide:



- copies of all audited profit and loss statements and balance sheets of the applicant's parent company for up to the last three financial years.

The applicant should also submit copies of:

- its business plans including at least strategic direction and objectives, identified opportunities in the market place and forecast results, and
- evidence of capital and liquidity support in place, including any bank or cross guarantees, to support the business and evidence of negotiations with the network service provider concerning credit support arrangements.

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### 3.8 Additional details of structure of applicant

Has there been a change in the structure of applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, if the applicant is part of a group of related companies, and/or party to a partnership, joint venture or alliance agreement with another company, please provide:

- contractual arrangements (e.g., alliance contracts, associate contracts, establishment contracts) that define relationships within the group – including shared resources, guarantees, revenue flows, obligations and or responsibilities.

On 2 May 2023, BHP Lonsdale Investments Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP Group Limited (ASX: BHP), acquired 100% of the shares in OZ Minerals Limited. Refer to the attached ASX announcement.....

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### 3.9 Human resources available to the applicant

Provide information about the human resources available to the applicant. This includes:

- ▶ the experience and qualifications of those employees outlined in the organisational chart (see point 1.3), and
- ▶ if the applicant will employ contractor/s to assist with the licensed operations, the name of that contractor/s, details about the experience of the contractor/s in such operations and details of the processes in place to ensure the contractor/s complies with the regulatory obligations imposed by the licence.

Maintenance on the transmission line carried out under contract by Enerven. Enerven is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SA Power Networks Group. Enerven have personnel with comprehensive skill set in the maintenance of electrical assets and a highly experienced team. The work by Enerven at Prominent Hill is overseen by the site electrical asset coordinator Darren Nichols (licenced electrician with over 20 years' experience) and electrical engineer Alex Murdoch (graduated University of Sydney in 2003).....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### 3.10 Technical resources available to the applicant

Applicants for a transmission or distribution licence variation are asked to provide details about the availability of technical resources to be used in carrying out the operations for which a variation is sought. The information should include details about the technically qualified staff available to the applicant and (if relevant) details of experience gained in similar operations.

Where applicants are relying on a third party to provide staff and resources to meet the technical requirements of the transmission or distribution licence, please provide:

- ▶ a list of all functions and activities being proposed to outsource
- ▶ details of any formal agreement/s to provide services, including confirmation that the third party possess relevant technical competencies to conduct the proposed activities
- ▶ a summary of the third party's technical capacity to meet relevant obligations, including relevant accreditations, and
- ▶ a summary of the third party's experience and knowledge in the relevant area.

Maintenance of the transmission line is carried out under contract by Enerven (PH-PLO-CON-496). Under the contract, Enerven perform all preventative maintenance services in accordance with the Good Electricity Industry Practice, as defined within the Australian National Electricity Rules.

Enerven is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SA Power Networks Group. Enerven have personnel with comprehensive skill set in the maintenance of electrical assets and a highly experienced team.

Enerven is accredited to ISO 9001, ISO 45001, AS/NZS ISO14001, and ISO18001.

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**3.11 Safety of Network**

The Commission may not issue a transmission or distribution licence unless it is satisfied that the transmission or distribution network (or the proposed network) will have the necessary capacity for transmitting or distributing electricity safely. Applicants are therefore asked to verify that the network has been (or will be) developed in accordance with relevant Australian Industry Codes and Australian Standards, and that a connection agreement has been or will be signed.

The network infrastructure including the transmission line was constructed and installed by ETSA/SA Power Networks in around 2007 when the site (Prominent Hill) was constructed. The most recent variation to the transmission licence was in 2020. The proposed changes continue operation of the network within the original design constraints of the network. The existing connection agreement with Electranet allows for these changes under the existing agreement. ....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

**3.12 Risk management**

Provide confirmation and reasonable evidence that the applicant’s management has identified the risks associated with electricity operations and has established, utilises and relies upon risk management systems and processes, which are adequate, accurate and current to address those risks.

A copy of the applicant’s risk management strategy should be submitted.

A copy of the site Safety, Reliability, Maintenance and Technical Management Plan is attached to this submission. This document details the site’s risk management strategy for the transmission line. ....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### 3.13 Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act approval

Please advise if the applicant has or is applying for approval under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (SA). If so, provide details, including the date on which approval was or will be granted.

OZ Minerals Prominent Hill Operations Pty Ltd does not have any outstanding approval applications under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (SA). .....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### 3.14 Registration with AEMO

Please advise if the applicant will apply to register with AEMO. If so, provide details.

No. OZ Minerals Prominent Hill Operations Pty Ltd is currently exempt from the requirement to register OZ Minerals Prominent Hill Standby Station as a Generator in accordance with clause 2.2.1(c) of the National Electricity Rules, subject to such conditions as AEMO deems appropriate. Further, the total generation capacity of the standby generation is less than 5MW so would likely qualify for automatic exemption from the requirement to register.....

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### 3.15 Licences held by the applicant in other Australian jurisdictions

Has there been a change in the licences held by the applicant in other Australian jurisdictions since the last variation or issue of the licence?
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☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, if the applicant holds, or has previously held, electricity, water and/or gas licences in other Australian jurisdictions please provide details. If a licence previously held has been suspended or cancelled, please provide details.

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### 3.16 Previous unsuccessful licence applications in other Australian jurisdictions

Has the applicant had any unsuccessful licence applications (or equivalent) in other Australian jurisdictions since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, please state whether the applicant has applied for an electricity, water or gas licence in another Australian jurisdiction and not been issued with a licence and provide details if relevant.

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### 3.17 Licences held by associates of the applicant

Has there been a change in the licences held by associates of the applicant since the last variation or issue of the licence?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If NO, proceed to next question.

If YES, if an associate of the applicant (within the meaning of the **Corporations Act**) holds an electricity, water or gas licence in South Australia or in other Australian jurisdictions, please provide details.

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### 3.18 Compliance plans

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their Compliance Plan which demonstrates how the compliance systems the applicant has (or will have) in place will ensure compliance with all the applicable regulatory obligations imposed by the relevant licence.

There is no expansion of the network. The transmission and distribution voltages remain the same (132kV and 11kV respectively). There is no material change to the existing Safety Reliability Maintenance and Technical Management Plan which was most recently reviewed by the OTR and submitted to ESCOSA within the last 12 months. The changes to the plan reflect the additional equipment (one transformer and capacitors). .....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### 3.19 Additional information

The Commission encourages applicants to provide any additional information they consider would be of assistance in supporting the application. Please provide below.

Nil. ....

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(Attach additional pages if necessary)

#### 4 Factors specified in the Essential Services Commission Act 2002

In considering a licence application, the Commission must have, as its primary objective, protection of the long term interests of consumers with respect to the price, quality and reliability of electricity supply, and must also have regard to the need to:

- ▶ promote competitive and fair market conduct
- ▶ prevent misuse of monopoly or market power
- ▶ facilitate entry into relevant markets
- ▶ promote economic efficiency
- ▶ ensure consumers benefit from competition and efficiency
- ▶ facilitate maintenance of the financial viability of regulated industries and the incentive for long term investment, and
- ▶ promote consistency in regulation with other jurisdictions.

If the applicant believes that information about their application would assist the Commission in its consideration of these factors, the applicant should provide such information below.

None beyond the documents submitted in support of this application. ....

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## 5 Declaration

All information in this application for the variation of a licence to authorise electricity transmission or distribution operations in the electricity supply industry in South Australia must be verified by a Statutory Declaration of the applicant, in accordance with the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1936 (SA)*<sup>2</sup>, stating that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge, information and belief.

Where the applicant is a body corporate, the declaration must be made by a person authorised by body corporate to sign on its behalf. Evidence of the relevant authority of the declarant to sign on behalf of the body corporate must also be provided to the Commission.<sup>3</sup>

### Statutory Declaration

I **Robert Mancini**  
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of [REDACTED]  
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do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information contained in this application for the variation of a licence to authorise electricity transmission or distribution operations in the electricity supply industry in South Australia is true and correct to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1936*.

Date **Jul 10, 2023** ..... Signature

  
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(Where the applicant is a body corporate, the declaration must be made by a person authorised by body corporate to sign on its behalf)

Declared at: **Adelaide** ..... this **10** day of **July** ..... 20**23**

Before me:   
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(Signature of Justice of the Peace or other person authorised under the *Oaths Act 1936*)

<sup>2</sup> or equivalent legislation in other Australian jurisdictions.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission will accept a copy of a Board minute (or circulating resolution) giving approval for the declarant to sign on behalf of the applicant as evidence of the relevant authority.



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