




EXEMPTION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 80(1) OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1996

1. Pursuant to section 80(1) of the *Electricity Act 1996*, the Essential Services Commission (**Commission**), with the approval of the Minister for Energy and Mining, grants electric vehicle charging station operators an exemption from the requirement to hold an electricity distribution and retail licence, as required by Part 3 of the *Electricity Act 1996*, for the purposes of undertaking electricity distribution or retail operations associated with the operation of electric vehicle charging stations.
2. The exemption will remain in effect until a date notified by the Commission in writing on its website at www.escosa.sa.gov.au, unless the Commission revokes or varies the exemption, or the Minister revokes the approval given under section 80(1) of the *Electricity Act 1996*, on an earlier date.
3. The grant of this exemption from the requirement to hold an electricity distribution licence and retail licence under the *Electricity Act 1996* is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. An electric vehicle charging station operator must comply with all applicable laws of the State of South Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia regarding the operation of electric vehicle charging stations.
 - b. An electric vehicle charging station operator must provide to the Commission, in a specified time and format, any information regarding the operation of its electric vehicle charging station(s) as requested by the Commission in writing.
 - c. An electric vehicle charging station operator must comply with any safety, reliability, maintenance and technical management requirements imposed by the Office of the Technical Regulator under the *Electricity Act 1996* from time to time.
 - d. An electric vehicle charging station operator must obtain and maintain adequate and appropriate insurance given the nature of the operations carried out under this exemption and the risks associated with those operations, and must provide to the Commission a certificate of the insurer or insurance broker by whom the insurance was arranged, certifying that the insurance is adequate and appropriate, if requested by the Commission in writing.

4. Notwithstanding the above, if any conditions of the exemption are breached by an electric vehicle charging station operator, the Commission may revoke the application of the exemption to that electric vehicle charging station operator by advising the operator in writing.



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Adam Wilson
Chief Executive Officer and Commission authorised signatory

25 November 2024

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