

**Powerline Bushfire Safety Committee**

Meeting 13

10 December 2019

Creating a  
safer state with  
electricity and gas

*[Please note the start time of 10:00 am for Members and 11:00 for Members and Observers]*

**Agenda**

**Part A - Committee Members and secretariat only 10:00 am**

**Committee Discussion - David Harris [65 minutes]**

- 1.1. **Register of Engagements** – Committee Members update – Secretariat (1 minute)
- 1.2. **Review of Victoria's Electricity & Gas Network Safety Framework** – Update on Recommendation 27 – DoES (10 minutes)
- 1.3. **VAGO audit** – Update on report - Secretariat [5 minutes]
- 1.4. **REFCL Program**
  - 1.4.1. Media update (including IEEE articles) – Chair & DoES (30 minutes)
  - 1.4.2. Time extensions update – Secretariat (5 minutes)
  - 1.4.3. Exemptions update – Secretariat (5 minutes)
- 1.5. **Other** (10 minutes)
  - 1.5.1. ACR operation sequences on TFB days – Tony Marxsen
  - 1.5.2. Correspondence

*Coffee break* [10 minutes]

**Part B - Committee Members and Observers 11.15 am**

2. **Introduction** - Chair [15 minutes]
  - 2.1. **Attendance and apologies**
  - 2.2. **Previous meeting minutes** – Secretariat
  - 2.3. **Previous actions** – Secretariat
3. **DB progress to-date** - on delivering the legislative requirements, & exemptions/time extensions [40 minutes]
  - 3.1. **Powercor** - Steve Neave [15 minutes]
  - 3.2. **AusNet** - Tom Hallam [15 minutes]
  - 3.3. **Discussion** - Chair [10 minutes]
4. **HV customers** – Update on impact on the REFCL program timeline [15 minutes].
  - 4.1. **Update on HCAP** – Tiah Monahan (10 minutes)
  - 4.2. **Discussion** – Chair [5 minutes]
5. **Discussion** - Chair [15 minutes]
  - 5.1. **Committee Member raised matters**
  - 5.2. **Other matters**
6. **Future meetings** – Chair [5 minutes]
  - 6.1. **Next meeting** - 10 March 2020

**Meeting close** 12.45 pm

## **Exemption/Extensions to legislative requirements:**

Electrical distributions have advised relief from requirements may be sought for the following matter(s):

### **1. Exemption Requests**

#### **Powercor Tranche 3**

Powercor have sought an exemption for certain substations (CRO 1 point & GL 4 points) with the construction of an additional zone substation at Bannockburn (no points assigned) to acquire all of the high bushfire risk feeders from CRO and GL. ESV has provided comments on Powercor's initial proposal.

Powercor have also have previously advised that they intend to shift certain high bushfire risk feeders from WPD (4 points) to a new zone substation at Torquay (no points assigned). ESV have advised that an exemption for WPD will be required with the feeders associated when WPD was specified in the legislation, notwithstanding that it is intended that all of the original feeders are to be REFCL protected in the new arrangement.

#### **AusNet Services Tranche 1**

AusNet Services intends to seek exemptions associated with the isolation of underground cable from the Woori Yallock (WYK – 5 points) network.

#### **AusNet Services Tranche 2**

AusNet Services have previously advised that they intend to seek exemptions in relation to the transfer of underground residential estates from the Ferntree Gully REFCL network (FGY – 2 Points) to a non-REFCL zone substation at Rowville (RVE).

AusNet Services have also advised they will seek an exemption for the isolation of the underground cable which feeds Walhalla from the Moe REFCL network (MOE – 3 points).

#### **AusNet Services Tranche 3**

AusNet Services have previously advised that they intend to seek exemptions in relation to a Tranche 3 zone substation, Kalkallo (KLO – 3 Points).

#### **Jemena Tranche 3**

It is expected that Jemena will also apply for an exemption associated with their Tranche 3 zone substation (COO – 1 point).

### **2. Time Extension Request**

#### **AusNet Services Tranche 1**

As a result of harmonics and damping technical issues, AusNet Services are unable to demonstrate compliance at two Tranche 1 zones substations (WYK – 5 points & KLK – 4 points), and have sought and received a further time extension (WYK – November 1, 2020, KLK April 29, 2021).

#### **AusNet Services Tranche 2**

AusNet Services have previously advised that they intend to apply for a time extension for four Tranche 2 substations associated with their HV customer Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) (BGE – 3 points, FGY – 2 points, ELM – 2 points, & LDL – 3 points).

**Standing actions:**

Action	Status
The Secretariat to provide Members a list of matters where the industry is likely to seek relief from requirements with each meeting agenda.	To be provided with the agenda of the next meeting.
Members to provide advice to the Secretariat on matters where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.	To be provided at or prior to each meeting.
Presenters to send the Secretariat a copy of their presentation a clear two business days before the meeting for distribution to members	To be provided prior to each meeting
Powercor's presentation to include updates on SWER ACR deployment and powerline replacement in Electric Line Construction Areas.	To be provided prior to each meeting
AusNet Services' presentation to include updates on powerline replacement in Electric Line Construction Areas.	To be provided prior to each meeting

**Actions from last meeting:**

Meeting date	Matter	Action	Status
12/06/2019	2.2 Previous meeting minutes	Secretariat to post the minutes of the June 2019 meeting on the ESV PBSC web page.	Settled minutes posted.
20/08/2019	2.2 Previous meeting minutes	Secretariat to post the minutes of the August 2019 meeting on the ESV PBSC web page.	Adjusted minutes have been emailed to Members & Observers. Settled minutes to be posted following approval at this meeting.
	2.3 Actions from previous meetings	PBSC Secretariat to convene a meeting for AusNet to discuss in detail the logic contained in their paper titled "Background to REFCL operating modes".	Open - Secretariat to advise on the status. Note 1
<b>Outcome legend</b>			Open
			Closed

**Note 1**

The Chair requested the Secretariat convene a meeting for AusNet Services to discuss in detail the logic contained in their paper titled "Background to REFCL operating modes". The Chair further requested that invitations be extended to Tony Marxsen, Gary Towns,

and the Secretariat as representatives of the PBSC and suggested that ESV (Ian Burgwin or his representatives) be invited to attend this meeting.

**Outstanding actions from previous meetings:**

No outstanding actions from previous meetings.