

**Powerline Bushfire Safety Committee**

Meeting 4: 12 September 2017

**Agenda**

**Part A - Committee Members and secretariat only**

1. **Committee Discussion** - David Harris [20 minutes]
  - 1.1. **Committee procedural**
  - 1.2. **Register of Engagements – Committee Members – update** - Secretariat
  - 1.3. **Other**

**Part B - Committee Members and Observers**

2. **Introduction** - David Harris [10 minutes]
  - 2.1. **Attendance and apologies**
  - 2.2. **Previous meeting minutes**
  - 2.3. **Outstanding actions**
3. **DB progress to-date** - on delivering the legislative requirements [60 minutes]
  - 3.1. **Powercor** - Steve Neave [25 minutes]
  - 3.2. **AusNet** - Tom Hallam [25 minutes]
  - 3.3. **Discussion** - David Harris [10 minutes]

*Coffee break* [15 minutes]

4. **ESV exemption process** [40 minutes]
  - 4.1. **ESV** – Ian Burgwin [20 minutes]
  - 4.2. **Discussion** - David Harris [20 minutes]
5. **HV Customers on a REFCL protected network** [10 minutes]
  - 5.1. **Responses to the survey report** [PBSC secretariat [5minutes]
  - 5.2. **Discussion** - David Harris [5 minutes]
6. **Discussion** - David Harris [15 minutes]
  - 6.1. **Committee Member raised matters**
  - 6.2. **Other matters**
7. **Future meetings** – David Harris [5 minutes]
  - 7.1. **Next meeting** - 12 December 2017
  - 7.2. **Subsequent meeting** - 13 March 2018

**Meeting close**

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

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

### **1. Exemption Request**

AusNet Services, Powercor and Jemena have each applied to ESV for exemptions against the requirements in regulations 7 (1)(ha) and 7 (1)(hb) of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013.

The exemptions sought are to exclude underground cables and fully insulated aerial conductors from the requirement to be protected by the REFCL in the all of the 45 specified zone substations specified in the legislation.

### **2. Extension Request**

Both AusNet Services and Powercor have indicated that they will be seeking extensions to the Tranche 1 dates for REFCLs.

## **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.

## **Outstanding actions from previous meetings:**

Meeting date	Matter	Action	Status
13/06/2017	<b>2.3 Outstanding Actions</b>	Members to consider the content of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	Provide suggestions to the secretariat by the end of June 2017
	<b>2.3 Outstanding Actions</b>	The secretariat to produce an outline of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	Following input from Members, secretariat to produce an outline of the process/protocol and circulate this to Members.
	<b>3. Electricity Distribution Business - progress to-date</b>	PBSP to advise on the use of 33kV cables for all new Powerline Replacement Fund projects submitted by the distributors.	PBSP to report back to the next meeting
<b>Outcome legend</b>			Open
			Closed