

**Powerline Bushfire Safety Committee**

Meeting 7 -12 June 2018

*[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 [60 minutes]

**1.1. Committee procedural**

**1.2. Register of Engagements** – Committee Members update - Secretariat

**1.3. Committee Charter** – meeting attendees and members biographies – Secretariat

**1.4. PBSC Advice Process** – 2.3 *Outstanding Action* - Secretariat

**1.5. ESCV Draft Decision** – *Electricity Distribution Code - Review of voltage standards for bushfire mitigation* – Chair

**1.6. REFCL Program** – Exemption Applications to DoES – Status Update – Secretariat

**1.7. Other**

*Coffee break* [15 minutes]

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

**2. Introduction** - Chair [10 minutes]

**2.1. Attendance and apologies**

**2.2. Previous meeting minutes**

**2.3. Outstanding actions** - Secretariat

**3. DB progress to-date** - on delivering the legislative requirements, exemptions & DB views on draft decision on EDC review [60 minutes]

**3.1. Powercor** - Steve Neave [25 minutes]

**3.2. AusNet** - Tom Hallam [25 minutes]

**3.3. Discussion** - Chair [10 minutes]

**3.3.1.** Draft decision on EDC

**3.3.2.** Other

**4. Discussion** - Chair [10 minutes]

**4.1. Committee Member raised matters**

**4.2. Other matters**

**5. Future meetings** – Chair [1 minute]

**5.1. Next meeting** - 11 September 2018

**5.2. Subsequent meetings** - 11 December 2018, 12 March 2019, 11 June 2019

**Meeting close** 12.56 pm

## **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 applied to ESV on May 29, 2018 for six exemptions against the requirements in regulations 7 (1)(ha) and 7 (1)(hb) of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 and Section 120M of the Electricity Safety Act.

The exemptions sought are to exclude underground cables associated with the installation of HV customer isolating transformers from the requirement to be protected by a REFCL.

### **2. Extension Request**

Both AusNet Services and Powercor had indicated that they may seek 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.
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

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

Meeting date	Matter	Action	Status
13/06/2017	<b>2.3</b> Outstanding Actions	The secretariat to produce an outline of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	Process drafted and distributed to Members. For discussion at the June 12, 2018 meeting.
	<b>2.3</b> Outstanding Actions	Members to consider the content of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	Comment(s) if any sought from Members prior to discussion at the June 12, 2018 meeting.

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12/12/2017	4.1 Committee Member raised matters –REFCL operation	AusNet Services and Powercor to confirm that their current intended REFCL operation modes are specified in their bushfire mitigation plans.	Powercor have confirmed their BFM plan contains their intended REFCL operation modes. Email sent to Members & Observers June 1, 2018.
			AusNet Services- Open
	4.1 Committee Member raised matters –REFCL operation	AusNet Services and Powercor to provide a <b>narrative</b> out of session, in the next couple of weeks, of their current intended REFCL operation modes contained in their respective bushfire mitigation plans.	Powercor have confirmed their BFM plan contains a narrative regarding their intended REFCL operation modes. Email sent to Members & Observers June 1, 2018.
			AusNet Services- Open
13/03/2018	1.1 Committee procedural	Members to provide an update of their biography for inclusion in the revised committee charter.	Open
	2.2 Previous meeting minutes	Secretariat to post the minutes on the ESV PBSC web page	Adjusted minutes have been emailed to Members & Observers (June 1, 2018).
			Settled minutes to be posted following the June committee meeting
	2.4 Outstanding actions from previous meetings	AusNet services and Powercor to confirm the circumstances where and when they intend to bypass the GFN to use a Neutral Earthing Resistor for sustained faults.	Powercor have confirmed their BFM plan contains their intended REFCL operation modes which include the use of NERs. Email sent to Members & Observers June 1, 2018.
			AusNet Services- Open
	3.1 Powercor presentation	Copy of the Powercor's Power Point presentation to be distributed to Members and Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page	Presentation distributed to Members/Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.

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	<b>3.2</b> AusNet Services presentation	Copy of the AusNet's Power Point presentation to be distributed to Members and Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.	Presentation distributed to Members/Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.
	<b>6.2</b> Electricity Distribution Code	Copy of the ESCV EDC project scope to be made available on the ESV PBSC web page	Presentation distributed to Members/Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.
<b>Outcome legend</b>			Open
			Closed