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3 December 2007

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Dear Mr Tucker

**Network Service Provider Exemption – TradeCoast Central Pty Ltd**

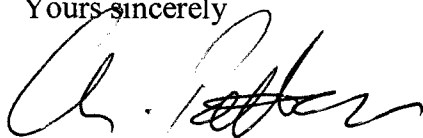
Thank you for your correspondence requesting a specific exemption for TradeCoast Central Pty Ltd from the requirement to register as a network service provider.

On 3 December 2007, the Australian Energy Regulator decided to grant an exemption to TradeCoast Central Pty Ltd under clause 2.5.1 of the National Electricity Rules subject to conditions. Please note the exemption is personal to TradeCoast Central Pty Ltd and does not apply to any other person that owns, controls or operates the distribution system at the time of the decision or in the future.

The decision is set out at Attachment A to this letter.

Should you have any queries in relation to this letter, please contact Ms Vani Rao on (03) 9290 1430.

Yours sincerely



Chris Pattas  
General Manager  
Network Regulation South

**NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDER EXEMPTION**

**TRADECOAST CENTRAL PTY LTD**

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT EXEMPTION**

I, Michelle Groves, in accordance with a delegation made by the Australian Energy Regulator ('AER') on 3 December 2007, decided pursuant to:

- (a) section 6 of the *Electricity – National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997* (Qld);
- (b) section 13 of the National Electricity (Queensland) Law ("NEL"); and
- (c) clause 2.5.1 of the National Electricity Rules ("NER")

to grant TradeCoast Central Pty Ltd (ACN 100 972 530) ("Applicant") a specific exemption ("Exemption") from:

- (d) the requirement to register as a Network Service Provider ("NSP"); and
- (e) the operation of Chapter 5 of the NER,

subject to the following conditions.

***Specified distribution system***

1. The Exemption is limited to the distribution system ("Distribution System") specified in the Applicant's submission made to the AER on 23 July 2007.

Note: In effect, the Exemption applies to the distribution system that is owned by TradeCoast Central and operated wholly within Lot 31 on RP 895254 (Title reference 50098030), Lot 2 on SP 112300 (Title reference 50264507) and Lot 30 on RP 895254 (Title reference 50098029). This network comprises:

- (a) switchboard and circuit breakers at single point of supply
- (b) 2 x 11kV dedicated feeders initially, increasing to 2 x 33kV dedicated feeders with a zone substation
- (c) underground conduits and cabling
- (d) transformers and ring main units, and
- (e) lot meters.

***Licence***

2. The Applicant must comply with any law of the State of Queensland relating to the on-supply of electricity.

Note: The *Electricity Act 1994* (Qld) states in Section 20A that if an on-supplier complies with subdivision 3 to 7, the on-supplier is exempted from sections 88A (Prohibition on operating network unless authorised) and 89 (Restriction on sale of electricity). The purpose of condition 2 is to require the Applicant to comply with any requirement which may arise from the on-supplier provisions of the *Electricity Act 1994* (Qld).

### ***Maintenance and technical standards***

3. The Applicant must maintain the Distribution System at least to the standards specified in the Connection Agreement with Energex Limited applying to the Distribution System.

Note 1: The AER understands that the Distribution System is connected to the Energex Limited distribution system at the northern end of Schneider Road, Eagle Farm.

Note 2: For the avoidance of doubt, conditions 8(b) and 8(c) apply to the interpretation of condition 3.

### ***Commencement and expiry***

4. The Exemption takes effect on and from 3 December 2007.
5. If the Applicant becomes aware that any condition of this Exemption is not satisfied, the Applicant must promptly (and, in any event, within one month) notify the AER.
6. The Exemption terminates on the date that:
  - (a) the Applicant is dissolved;
  - (b) the Applicant fails to satisfy condition 2 and/or 3;
  - (c) the AER decides to repeal the Exemption in accordance with condition 7.
7. The AER may decide to amend or repeal the Exemption. The decision to repeal the Exemption is exercisable in the same way, and subject to the same conditions, as the decision to grant the Exemption.

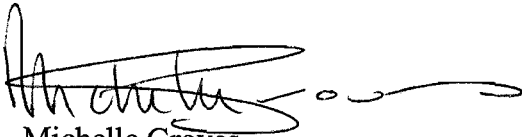
Note: For example, the AER may decide to repeal the Exemption in the event that condition 2 or 3 to the Exemption is not satisfied, or if there is a material change to the persons connected to the Distribution System.

### ***Interpretation***

8. In this Exemption, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to:
  - (a) a statute, regulation, rule or other law includes regulations and other instruments made under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
  - (b) an agreement or a provision of an agreement includes an amendment or supplement to, or replacement or novation of, that agreement or that Provision of that agreement;

- (c) except in relation to references to the Applicant, a particular person includes a reference to the person's successors, substitutes (including persons taking by novation) and assigns.

Note: The Exemption is personal to the Applicant, and does not apply to any other person that owns, controls or operates the Distribution System at the time of the decision or in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Groves', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Groves  
Delegate of the Australian Energy Regulator  
DATED: 3 December 2007