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Craig Chambers
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TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Dear Mr Chambers

Re: Energy Queensland Limited - application for exemption and approval of Energex Limited and Ergon Energy as intermediaries

Thank you for the application for exemption from registration and approval of an intermediary under clause 2.9.3 of the National Electricity Rules (NER) by Queensland Energy Limited (ABN 96 612 535 583). We understand this application is in relation to the Energex and Ergon Energy electricity distribution systems.

Your application states that pursuant to clause 2.9.3(a) of the NER, Energy Queensland is applying to the AER for an exemption from the requirement to register as a Network Service Provider. Your application also notifies the AER that pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b)(1) of the NER, Energex is to be registered instead of Energy Queensland in relation to the Energex distribution system and Ergon Energy in relation to the Ergon distribution system. Pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b)(2) of the NER, you have provided the written consent of both Energex and Ergon Energy to act as an intermediary in relation to the respective networks.

As you may be aware, under clause 2.9.3(c) of the NER, the AER must approve an intermediary if the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is reasonably satisfied that, from a technical perspective, the nominated intermediary can be treated for the purposes of the NER as Energy Queensland with respect to an electricity distribution system. In this application, the registered distribution systems are those of Energex and Ergon Energy respectively.

On 21 November 2017, the AER received written advice that AEMO is satisfied that Energex and Ergon Energy are each suitable as the respective nominated intermediaries.

As the delegate, I am pleased to advise that the AER approves Energex and Ergon Energy respectively as intermediaries under clause 2.9.3(c) and as such, pursuant to clause 2.9.3(b), allows the exemption requested by Energy Queensland Limited.

Energy Queensland Limited (ABN 96 612 535 583) is the subject of this network exemption.

Energex Limited (ABN 40 078 849 055) is the first subject of this approval of an intermediary.

Ergon Energy (ABN 50 087 646 062) is the second subject of this approval of an intermediary.

Should you have any questions about my decision, please contact Paul Dunn, Director - Networks on 03 9290 1426.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Pattas', written in a cursive style.

Chris Pattas
General Manager
Networks

Sent by email on: 24.11.2017