

General Managers Forum

Meeting minutes

Details

Identifying reference Number	2019-02
Date & time	Tuesday 30 April 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm
Location	ESV, Level 5, 4 Riverside Quay, Southbank

Attendance

Attendees	Paul Fearon, Director of Energy Safety, ESV (Chair)
	Brett Fox, Head of Regulatory Assurance, ESV
	Gary Wright, Manager Line Clearance Assurance, ESV
	Ian Burgwin, General Manager, Electrical Safety & Technical Regulation, ESV
	Roanne Allan, General Manager, Risk, Regulatory Planning & Policy, ESV
	Neil Fraser, Deputy Director, ESV
	Robert Skene, Strategic Advisor for Bushfire Safety, ESV
	Eric Lindner, Chief Executive Officer, Transmission Operations Australia 2
	Mark Clarke, General Manager, Electricity Networks, United Energy
	Steven Neave, General Manager, Electricity Networks, CitiPower and Powercor
	Tom Hallam, General Manager, Regulation and Network Strategy, AusNet Services
Minute taker	Vanessa Nielsen
Apologies	Johan Esterhuizen, General Manager, Asset Strategy Electrical, Jemena

Minutes

Items	Action
1. Welcome and apologies	
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.	Noted
2. Minutes and actions from previous meeting	
The minutes from the Meeting 2019-01 were accepted.	Accepted
3. Electricity (Bushfire Mitigation) Amendment Regulations 2013	
3.1 REFCL status	Noted
Tranche 1 AusNet Services and Powercor have submitted applications for exemptions covering Tranche 1 of the REFCL installations to ESV, largely associated with HV customers.	

Items	Action
<p>An Order-In-Council (OIC) has been gazetted granting AusNet Services exemptions for the first four (4) zone substations (6 connection points), and a second Order-In-Council was gazetted last week granting Powercor exemptions at four (4) zone substations (15 connection points) and AusNet Services exemption for one (1) zone substation (Seymour with 2 connection points).</p> <p>ESV accepts that there is a significant defect in the conditions contained in the published OICs, which require prior notification before any Electrical Work can be undertaken. ESV has written to the DELWP Deputy Secretary with a suggested revision to the OIC.</p> <p>ESV is currently reviewing AusNet Services applications for time extensions for the WYK and KLK Tranche 1 zone substations.</p> <p>3.2 REFCL update, emerging issues, exemption requests and HV customer (incl. HCAP engagement)</p> <p>Powercor will be meeting with DELWP on Wednesday 1 May 2019 to discuss HV Customers and the Tranche 2 program. They will also be discussing solutions as to why those in Tranche 2 & 3 must fund the protection of their networks where HV customers in the Tranche 1 deployment were funded by all electricity customers.</p> <p>Powercor advised they will be meeting with the ESC on Friday, 2 May 2019 to discuss with the ESC the provisions in the EDC regarding the disconnection of HV customers. Powercor are considering the isolating HV Customers on TFB days who are not REFCL ready by the date legislated for that Tranche. ESV has advised they would like to be involved in this discussion.</p> <p>MTM have verbally advised AusNet Services that they would be unable to meet the May 2021 AusNet Services specified deadline to be REFCL ready. AusNet Service confirmed that they will continue to work closely with MTM to assist them in becoming REFCL ready, but recognise that disconnection of MTM were they not to be REFCL ready by the required date would be a difficult option.</p> <p>3.3 Electric Line Construction Areas</p> <p>No further updates provided on this occasion.</p> <p>3.4 ACR (FuseSaver) installation update</p> <p>No further updates provided on this occasion.</p>	
4. VESI REFCL Technical Working Group update	
No further updates provided on this occasion.	Noted
5. Power line Bushfire Safety Committee update	
No further updates provided on this occasion.	Noted
6. Remake of Electricity Safety Regulations feedback	
<p>ESV has been working with a number of representatives from the businesses regarding the remaking of the Electricity Safety (Management) Regulations, Electric Line Clearance Regulations and the Electricity Safety (Installation) Regulations 2009. ESV values the commitment the businesses have shown in attending the workshops and providing feedback. Further workshops will be arranged to discuss technical issues in the Electric Line Clearance Regulations.</p>	Noted
7. Electricity Industry Levies and EDPR	
<p>A breakdown of the Electricity Industry levies by companies was presented to the GM Forum members showing the proposed increases for FY19 – FY24 assuming the businesses nature, operational model and facilities stay constant.</p> <p>The DBs would like to have a better understanding on the data collection related to customer numbers versus share %.</p> <p>Note: A draft copy of the levies has been provided to the AER. ESV will be meeting with the</p>	Noted

Items	Action
<p>Minister on Friday 31 May 2019 to discuss the proposed levies for application from 1 July 2019.</p> <p>Action: An updated Electricity Industry Levies breakdown will be circulated to the businesses showing the data collected relating to customer numbers versus share%.</p>	
8. Industry and Regulators Leaders Forum	
<p>ESV has been invited to attend the Industry and Regulator Leaders Forum on Thursday 6 June 2019 in Sydney. The objective of the meeting is to enhance dialogue at a senior level amongst product manufacturers, suppliers and electrical regulators by sharing perspective on the electrical product safety environment and other current issues.</p>	Noted
9. Electric Line Clearance update	
<p>9.1 Weekly reporting</p> <p>The Final Weekly Report will be sent to the Minister this week. Debriefing sessions will be arranged with each of the businesses to consider improvements.</p> <p>9.2 ESV inspections update</p> <p>ESV has been conducting LBRA inspections which have been focusing on Council and MEC metropolitan areas. Findings have varied in relation to compliance standards and will be addressed directly with each of the Councils and businesses.</p> <p>ESV has been notified Stonnington City Council, Glen Iris City Council and Boroondara City Council's vegetation clearing contractor has cancelled their contracts. ESV is working closely with the Councils to discuss their contingency plans.</p> <p>9.3 ELCMP submission and evaluation</p> <p>ESV has received all submitted ELCMPs from the businesses and ESV has commenced its evaluation process for each of these plans.</p> <p>9.4 ELC Regulation review</p> <p>This item was discussed in item 6</p>	Noted
10. Safety Cases and Electricity Safety Management Scheme update	
<p>Jemena's ESMS will be tabled at the ESV Evaluation Panel meeting on Wednesday, 8 May 2019.</p> <p>ESMS validation Audits have been scheduled for AusNet Service Transmission, TOA and TOA2 at the end of May 2019.</p>	Noted
11. Hazardous Bushfire Mapping update	
<p>The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 3 May 2019.</p>	Noted
12. No Go Zone project plan update, incl. Installation Regulations section 313 – Building	
<p>Regular meetings will now be held with the workgroup to continue to monitor the progress of the key recommendation areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training module within certain qualifications, i.e. plant operators, builders, etc. • Farm education and awareness program • Awareness and promotional programs, and advertising campaigns • Engineering controls – exploring installation of non-contact detectors installed on booms of plant and tip trucks during manufacture of the plant/trucks. 	Noted
13. Sharing Critical Incident Advice	
<p>When serious incidents occur interstate the DBs believe it would be valuable if ESV were able to obtain the facts and issue a notice to advise the Victorian industry.</p> <p>In the past the DBs have found it difficult to obtain information due to investigation or legal processes; however the learning's and basic facts of incidents are very important to share to</p>	Noted

Items	Action
<p>ensure the businesses can review their internal practices and consider any improvements. ESV would like to take this opportunity to discuss what additional protocols can be put into place nationally for ESV to improve their processes in obtaining the facts when serious incidents occur interstate and providing information to the businesses.</p> <p>Action: NF to work with ERAC to facilitate information sharing</p>	
14. Copper Theft	
<p>Powercor have experienced a growth in copper theft incidents and have increased security around substations and are working with the Victorian Police who have established a task force, however there's a lot of activity occurring around repetitive removal of public lighting cables.</p> <p>Due to the risk to the community ESV will share an alert notice through a media campaign on their social media network on safety issues around copper theft.</p> <p>Action: ESVs Media and Comms department to promote the safety issues around copper theft on their social media network.</p>	Noted
15. Safety Alerts – recent alerts - BF	
<p>There are some noteworthy Safetygrams / alerts shared with ESV for the last period which were discussed.</p>	Noted
16. Other business	
<p>An incident occurred on Wednesday, 20 March 2019 when a fault occurred on the 66kV transmission line connecting Salt Creek Wind Farm to AusNet Services Network. The post insulator on the bottom phase at pole 195 in Lodrigans Lane near Noorat had broken and fallen to the ground along with a section of twin sulphur conductor. An independent investigation is being conducted. ESV is also pursuing further forensic assessment expecting a report to be made public at the end of June 2019.</p>	Noted

Meeting Close 11.40am

Next meeting date: Tuesday, 6 August 2019

Actions – Meeting 2019-01

New

Item	Responsible	Date open
2019-02-01	ESV	30/04/2019
2019-02-02	NF	30/04/2019
2019-02-03	NF	30/04/2019

Carried forward

Item	Responsible	Date open

Closed

Item	Responsible	Date open
2019-01-01	BH	05/02/2019
2019-01-02	VN	05/02/2019
2018-01-04	DBs	30/01/2018

Received from Esv
30/A/2019

LEVY BY COMPANY

Levy Detail	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY19 vs 20 YOY \$/%
Company							
Electricity Levy	\$ 1,077,433	\$ 1,230,965	\$ 1,375,452	\$ 1,506,673	\$ 1,554,350	\$ 1,603,457	14.2%
Electricity Levy	\$ 1,091,234	\$ 1,218,075	\$ 1,361,049	\$ 1,490,896	\$ 1,538,073	\$ 1,586,666	11.6%
Electricity Levy	\$ 2,451,137	\$ 2,997,681	\$ 3,349,539	\$ 3,669,091	\$ 3,785,195	\$ 3,904,782	22.3%
Electricity Levy	\$ 2,321,403	\$ 2,661,015	\$ 2,973,357	\$ 3,257,020	\$ 3,360,085	\$ 3,466,241	14.6%
Electricity Levy	\$ 2,259,757	\$ 2,410,775	\$ 2,693,745	\$ 2,950,733	\$ 3,044,105	\$ 3,140,278	6.7%

Assumptions

- a) Energy companies' business nature, operational model and facilities stay constant from FY20 to FY24.
- b) Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is to measure growth over multiple time periods.

