Electricity Industry Act 2000

ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE EXEMPTION FOR
TRANSGRID AND OTHER SPECIFIED PERSONS

Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 17 of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** (the Act) makes the following Order:

1. Subject to paragraph 2, TransGrid (ABN 19 622 755 774), and any person that leases transmission network assets from TransGrid, is exempt from the requirement to hold a licence to transmit electricity under the Act in relation to the transmission of electricity –

   a) through the capacitor banks supporting the Snowy to Victoria Interconnector connected at Dederang and Wodonga terminal stations; and

   b) between the Victorian–New South Wales border and the connection points between TransGrid's transmission network and AusNet's transmission network on the Wodonga to Jindera and Red Cliffs to Buronga transmission lines.

2. The exemption under paragraph 1 is subject to the condition that any person subject to the exemption does not operate transmission network assets owned by TransGrid in relation to the transmission of electricity that is subject to the exemption.

3. Subject to paragraph 4, any person that operates transmission network assets owned by TransGrid is exempt from the requirement to hold a licence to transmit electricity under the Act in relation to the transmission of electricity –

   a) through the capacitor banks supporting the Snowy to Victoria Interconnector connected at Dederang and Wodonga terminal stations; and

   b) between the Victorian–New South Wales border and the connection points between TransGrid's transmission network and AusNet's transmission network on the Wodonga to Jindera and Red Cliffs to Buronga transmission lines.

4. The exemption under paragraph 3 is subject to the conditions that a person subject to the exemption must –

   a) comply with the Electricity System Code as administered by the Essential Services Commission;

   b) not distribute electricity in Victoria;

   c) be party to a connection agreement with AusNet; and

   d) be party to a Network Agreement with the Australian Energy Market Operator; and

   e) provide (whether or not through an agent), to the Minister or the Essential Services Commission, any information either entity may reasonably require for the administration of this Order.

5. Where a person satisfies both the requirements set out in paragraph 1 and the requirements set out in paragraph 3, then that person will be treated as if it only satisfied the requirements set out in paragraph 3, in which case it is only entitled to the exemption under paragraph 3 if it complies with the conditions set out in paragraph 4.

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6.   The Order in Council exempting TransGrid from the requirement to obtain a licence for the transmission of electricity in specified circumstances, dated 16 July 2002 and published in the Victorian Gazette on 18 July 2002, is revoked.

7.   In this Order, **AusNet** means AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (ABN 78 079 798 173).

8.   This Order comes into effect from the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated 1 December 2015

Responsible Minister:
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Minister for Energy and Resources

ANDREW ROBINSON
Clerk of the Executive Council

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