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## VICTORIAN WORKCOVER AUTHORITY EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Exemption from Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007  
Exemption Number H08/00402(a)

### Purpose

To exempt those Listed Employers in Table 1 below from the requirement that they must not use unlicensed employees to do high risk work, specifically to hold a Basic, Intermediate or Advanced Rigging High Risk Work Licence to undertake specific rigging activities covered by the exemption as detailed below.

### Definition

In this exemption:

‘**WorkSafe**’ means the Victorian WorkCover Authority trading as WorkSafe Victoria.

‘**Distribution Lineworker**’ means a line worker engaged in working on distribution and sub transmission assets up to and including 66 kV.

‘**Transmission Lineworker**’ means a line worker engaged in working on transmission assets above 66 kV.

‘**Lineworker**’ means a Distribution Lineworker or a Transmission Lineworker who:

- (a) has met the qualification requirements detailed under the heading ‘Type of Work’ at condition c) below; and
- (b) is either:
  - a. an employee of a Listed Employer; or
  - b. a contractor or subcontractor engaged to perform work for a Listed Employer; or
  - c. an employee of a contractor or subcontractor engaged to perform work for a Listed Employer.

‘**Listed Employer**’ means an employer listed in Table 1.

	<b>ACN</b>
Ausnet Transmission Group Pty Ltd	079 798 173
Ausnet Electricity Services Pty Ltd	064 651 118
Powercor Australia Ltd	064 651 109
Citipower Pty Ltd	064 651 056
Powercor Network Services Pty Ltd	123 230 240
Ched Services Pty Ltd	112 304 622
Energy Solutions Pty Ltd	610 914 059
Jemena Limited	052 167 405
Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic.) Ltd	064 651 083
Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd	086 013 461
United Energy Distribution Pty Limited	064 651 029

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**Background**

Regulation 3.6.2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 states:

‘An employer must not allow an employee to do any high risk work unless –

- a) The employee holds an appropriate high risk work licence in relation to that work’

**Revocation of existing exemption**

Exemption H08/00402 effective 7 October 2010 is revoked.

**Details of Exemption**

Under Regulation 7.2.2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, the Listed Employers are exempted from the requirements stated under Regulation 3.6.2 only in respect of the requirement for Lineworkers to hold a Basic, Intermediate, or Advanced Rigging High Risk Work Licence, for the type of work defined below, and subject to the prescribed conditions of this exemption.

I am satisfied that the work as described can be performed as safely by a person who does not hold a licence as it can be performed by a person who holds such a licence, provided that there is adherence to the prescribed conditions of this exemption.

**Type of Work**

This exemption is restricted to Lineworkers undertaking rigging work that requires a High Risk Work Licence, when undertaking rigging activities associated with the use of mechanical loadshifting equipment and associated gear for:

1. movement of plant and equipment where that plant and equipment is being used for the installation, erection, removal or maintenance of a distribution powerline; but not a powerline associated with a tower;
2. erecting and removing distribution pole type substations;
3. pole erection into, or removal from, conductors whether the line be live or isolated;
4. installation, straining, removal and maintenance of overhead conductors and cables;
5. steel erection and removal where the steel components are prefabricated cross arms, brackets, braces, equipment and platforms fitted to a distribution powerline structure;
6. erection installation and removal of electrical plant and equipment;
7. crossarm installation, removal, or replacement; and
8. erecting, dismantling and maintaining stays and guys for distribution electrical structures.

**Conditions**

This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

- a) This exemption shall apply from 16 August 2016, and expire on 16 February 2017, unless revoked or amended at an earlier date by WorkSafe.
- b) Lineworkers performing dogging work will continue to be required to hold:
  - a. a dogging high risk work licence issued in accordance with Item 5 of Schedule 3 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007; or
  - b. a high risk work licence that is equivalent to a dogging high risk work licence issued under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, Regulation 3.6.4 – Recognition of interstate licences.

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- c) A Lineworker covered by this exemption shall be required to:
- a. be an apprentice working under appropriate supervision; or
  - b. be a qualified Distribution Lineworker or Transmission Lineworker who has been trained and undergone written and practical assessment and is deemed to be competent to all of the following national competency standards by a Registered Training Organisation whose scope of registration includes these matters:
    - i. UETTDRIS41A – Install network infrastructure electrical equipment;
    - ii. UETTDRIS52A – Install and maintain poles, structures and associated hardware;
    - iii. UETTDRIS54A – Install and maintain poles, structures and overhead conductors and cables; or
  - c. Hold an equivalent historical qualification/certificate of proficiency as a Distribution Lineworker or Transmission Lineworker.
- d) Satisfactory completion of the three training units UETTDRIS41A, UETTDRIS52A and UETTDRIS54A, or verification of an equivalent historical qualification/certificate of proficiency must be clearly recorded in either the Lineworker's ESI passport or other readily identified means. If a Lineworker has not completed the three training units referred to in this clause and is unable to provide verification of an equivalent historical qualification/certificate of proficiency, they must provide documentary evidence of that historical qualification/certificate of proficiency, for example by way of a statutory declaration identifying the historical qualification/certificate of proficiency and when it was obtained. The Lineworker must carry the ESI passport, or other means, at all times while working under the exemption. This identification shall be readily available to a WorkSafe Inspector upon request.
- e) The Listed Employers must provide each Lineworker working under this exemption with a copy of the 'VESI Fieldworkers Handbook June 2006, updated November 2008'.
- f) The training and assessment records referred to in items (c) and (d) above will be:
- a. retained by the Listed Employers or the contractors or subcontractors engaged to perform work for a Listed Employer/s; and
  - b. readily available to WorkSafe, who will conduct audits of these records from time to time at its discretion to ensure that the above conditions are observed.
- g) Each Listed Employer undertakes to:
- a. cooperate with WorkSafe to readily enable the audit of the rigging assessment processes within the above training units delivered by a Registered Training Organisation; and
  - b. advise WorkSafe of any legal entity name and/or ACN changes within seven (7) days of such change occurring.

Dated 16 August 2016

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