

Powerline Bushfire Safety Committee

Meeting 6: 13 March 2018

[Please note the new start time of 10:00 am for Members and 10:35 for Members and Observers]

Agenda

Part A - Committee Members and secretariat only

1. **Committee Discussion** - David Harris [35 minutes]
 - 1.1. **Committee procedural**
 - 1.2. **Register of Engagements** – Committee Members update - Secretariat
 - 1.3. **Meeting Charter** - update on meeting attendees
 - 1.4. **Other**

Coffee break [15 minutes]

Part B - Committee Members and Observers

2. **Introduction** - David Harris [15 minutes]
 - 2.1. **Attendance and apologies** - including update on meeting attendees
 - 2.2. **Previous meeting minutes**
 - 2.3. **Outstanding actions**
3. **DB progress to-date** - on delivering the legislative requirements [60 minutes]
 - 3.1. **Powercor** - Steve Neave [25 minutes]
 - 3.2. **AusNet** - Tom Hallam [25 minutes]
 - 3.3. **Discussion** - David Harris [10 minutes]
4. **Restructure of DELWP Energy Divisions** [15 minutes]
 - 4.1. **Structure, roles and accountabilities** – Lorna Mathieson | A/Project Director | Energy Programs [10 minutes]
 - 4.2. **Discussion** - David Harris [5 minutes]
5. **High voltage Customer Assistance Program (HCAP)** [15 minutes]
 - 5.1. **Program update** – Lorna Mathieson [10 minutes]
 - 5.2. **Discussion** - David Harris [5 minutes]
6. **Discussion** - David Harris [20 minutes]
 - 6.1. **Committee Member raised matters**
 - 6.2. **Electricity Distribution Code – ESC update** ESV, DBs [5 min]
 - 6.3. **Other matters**
7. **Future meetings** – David Harris [5 minutes]
 - 7.1. **Next meeting** - 12 June 2018
 - 7.2. **Subsequent meeting** - 11 September 2018, 11 December 2018

Meeting close

Exemption/Extensions to legislative requirements:

Electrical distributions have advised relief from requirements may be sought for the following matter(s):

1. Exemption Request

AusNet Services, Powercor and Jemena have each applied to ESV for exemptions against the requirements in regulations 7 (1)(ha) and 7 (1)(hb) of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 and Section 120M of the Electricity Safety Act.

The exemptions sought are to exclude underground cables and fully insulated aerial conductors from the requirement to be protected by the REFCL in the all of the 45 specified zone substations specified in the legislation.

2. Extension Request

Both AusNet Services and Powercor had indicated that they will be seeking extensions to the Tranche 1 dates for REFCLs.

Standing actions:

Action	Status
The Secretariat to provide Members a list of matters where the industry is likely to seek relief from requirements with each meeting agenda.	To be provided with the agenda of the next meeting.

Outstanding actions from previous meetings:

Meeting date	Matter	Action	Status
13/06/2017	2.3 Outstanding Actions	Members to consider the content of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	No progress
	2.3 Outstanding Actions	The secretariat to produce an outline of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	No progress.
12/12/2017	3.1 DB Progress – Powercor – REFCL Trials	Powercor to provide further details of the circumstances requiring the GFN to be by-passed.	Information provided by Powercor on 7 March, 2018, and distributed to Members and Observers on 8 March, 2018.
	3.1 DB Progress – Powercor	Copy of Powercor's Power Point presentation to be distributed to Members and Observers, and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.	Presentation distributed to Members/Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.

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	3.2 DB Progress – AusNet Services	Copy of the AusNet's Power Point presentation to be distributed to Members and Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.	Presentation distributed to Members/Observers and made available on the ESV PBSC web page.
	4.1 Committee Member raised matters - Presentations	Presenters to send the Secretariat a copy of their presentation a clear two business days before the meeting for distribution to members.	
	4.1 Committee Member raised matters –REFCL operation	AusNet Services and Powercor to confirm that their current intended REFCL operation modes are specified in their bushfire mitigation plans.	
Outcome legend			Open
			Closed