



ACT SECOND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROJECT

132kV CONNECTIONS ACTEWAGL / EVOENERGY

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DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed: 

Full name: 

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Organisation: Evoenergy (ActewAGL Distribution)

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Date: 30 December 2020

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1 DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

1.1 Project Background

The ACT Government's electricity reliability criteria requires electrical providers (such as TransGrid and ActewAGL/Evoenergy) to provide a secure electricity supply to the ACT through the provision of geographically separate and independent and/or contingency electrical supplies. A second supply to the ACT was determined necessary to meet this requirement.

The Second Supply to the ACT Project consists of a 330/132 kilovolt (kV) substation, separate to TransGrid's existing Canberra Substation, and associated transmission lines to enable the required level of electricity supply security for the ACT. The Project is located approximately 14 kilometres north-west of the centre of Canberra, immediately to the west and south-west of the suburbs of Holt and MacGregor, respectively, and to the south-east of the NSW ACT border.

An Environmental Impact Statement for the project was completed in 2018 with conditional approval granted to Evoenergy (EPBC 2016/7784) by the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) on 7 March 2019. Development Approval was granted under the Planning and Development Act (DA201732485) by the Territory Government on 8 November 2018.

During 2019 and 2020, TransGrid and Evoenergy worked alongside each other to establish zone substation and 330kV infrastructure (TransGrid) and 132kV infrastructure (Evoenergy) as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Evoenergy 132kV connections as part of project (yellow above)

1.2 Summary of activities undertaken in compliance period

This report covers Evoenergy's activities and obligations. The project is currently expected to be completed and energised in December 2020. Activities undertaken in the period of this report by ActewAGL/Evoenergy include:

- Construction of a double-circuit 132 kV transmission line (38 poles - approximately 2.5 kilometres) between the Stockdill Substation and the existing ActewAGL/Evoenergy Canberra–Woden transmission line.
- Vegetation clearing and earthworks for the approved 132 kV transmission line easement.
- Establishment of access tracks as required to pole structures.

Activities to be completed prior to project finalisation:

- Revegetation and restoration as per ACT DA conditions. This will be completed prior to 2020/21 FY.

1.3 New environmental risks

No new environmental risks for the project have been identified during the construction or delivery phase of this project.

2 APPROVAL CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE TABLE

There has been one minor compliance on this project as detailed in table 1 below:

Part A – conditions specific to the action		
1	The approval holder must:	Compliant.
a)	Implement conditions B1, B5, B6, B7, B8, C1, C2, C5 and D2 of Part 1 of Attachment 1 of the ACT Approval Conditions and conditions B1, B5, C1, C2, C5, C6 and D2 of Part 1 of Attachment 2 of the ACT Approval Conditions where they relate to impacts to relevant protected matters.	Evoenergy have implemented all DA conditions effectively with no notifications to the ACT Government.
b)	Notify the Department in writing of any proposed change to the conditions of the ACT Approval Conditions for which sub-condition 1a of this approval applies no later than 1 week after proposing a change or becoming aware of the ACT Government proposing a change.	Evoenergy have not amended any sub-conditions of the approved DA.
c)	Notify the Department in writing of any change to the ACT Government Conditions for which sub-condition 1a of this approval applies within 1 week of a change being finalised.	
Part B - Standard administrative conditions		
2	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action.	Minor non-compliance. Evoenergy did not notify the department prior to project commencement in accordance with this clause, however made effort to communicate with the Department as soon as this non-compliance was known (October 2020).
3	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant.
4	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant.
5	If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Compliant. No requests made by the Department in reporting period.
6	The approval holder must:	Minor non-compliance.
a)	submit plans electronically to the Department within 10 days of ACT Planning and Land Authority approval;	Evoenergy did not publish the approved Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) in line with the timeframes in the EPBC Approval. This was identified
b)	publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date the plan is approved by the Act Planning and Land Authority or of the date a revised action management plan is approved, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister;	

c)	exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and	during a project audit and immediately rectified. No further compliance action was taken by DoEE.
d)	keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Compliant. Plans will not be removed until December 2023.
7	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:	Compliant. Report is listed on the project website.
a)	publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period;	
b)	notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website within five business days of the date of publication;	Compliant. Notification provided to DoEE in January 2021.
c)	keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;	Compliant. Reports not to be removed until December 2023.
d)	exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and	Compliant. Sensitive ecological data not applicable to report.
e)	where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication.	Compliant. Sensitive ecological data not applicable to report.
8	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify:	Compliant. No non-compliance with any commitments made in plans.
a)	the condition which is or may be in breach; and	
b)	a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance.	
9	The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans, relating to protected matters as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying	Compliant. No non-compliance with any commitments made in plans related to protected matters.
a)	any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future.	
b)	the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and	

c)	the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder	
10	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable. The Minister has not directed any independent audits be undertaken for this project.
11	For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a) provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department b) only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and c) submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.	Not applicable. The Minister has not directed any independent audits be undertaken for this project.
12	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable. The Minister has not directed any independent audits be undertaken for this project.
13	Within 30 days after the completion of the action, the approval holder must notify the Department in writing and provide completion data.	Not applicable – action not completed in reporting period.

Table 1: Evoenergy compliance against - EPBC2016/7784 approval conditions.

3 SUMMARY

ActewAGL / Evoenergy are in the process of completing construction on the 132kV network connection between the existing Canberra – Woden 132kV line and the Transgrid 330kV Substation. ActewAGL / Evoenergy expect to complete this project in December 2020 with remaining site restoration work to be completed in early 2021.

ActewAGL / Evoenergy have recorded one instance of a minor non-compliance on the project which has been notified to the DoEE and resulted in no further compliance action.

4 ATTACHMENTS

4.1 Attachment one: non-compliance notification to DoEE



2 October 2020

Kim Farrant
Assistant Secretary
Assessments (NSW, ACT) & Waste Branch
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
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Dear Kim

Minor non-compliance with EPBC Approval 2016/7784

I am writing to inform you of a minor non-compliance with condition 6 (b) of the EPBC approval for construction of a new substation and associated transmission line works in Holt, ACT on the ACT Second Electricity Supply Project (the Project).

Under EPBC Approval 2016/7784, Evoenergy was required to publish each plan on the Project website within 20 business days

- of the date the plan is approved by the ACT Planning and Land Authority, or
- of the date a revised action management plan is approved, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.

Evoenergy did not publish the approved Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) in line with the timeframes in the EPBC Approval. This was identified during a project audit and immediately rectified. The CEMP is available on the Project website at: www.evoenergy.com.au/about-us/about-our-network/network-projects.

The Annual Compliance Report for the Project will be provided in November 2020 for the preceding 12 months and listed on the Project website in line with condition 7 of the Approval.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Bronwen Butterfield".

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