



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND SALE LICENCE**

**Golden Plains WF1 Pty Ltd (ACN 650 490 056) as trustee
for Golden Plains WF1 Unit Trust (ABN 78 542 431 379)**

RECORD OF DECISION

29 February 2024

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Golden Plains WF1 Pty Ltd (ACN 650 490 056) as trustee for Golden Plains WF1 Unit Trust (ABN 78 542 431 379) (Golden Plains) a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity at the Golden Plains Wind Farm East located in the vicinity of Rokewood, Victoria, 3330 with a nameplate capacity of 756.4 MW.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale or the transmission, distribution, supply or sale of electricity unless the person:

- (a) is the holder of a licence authorising the relevant activity;
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the relevant activity; or
- (c) is the holder of a trial waiver in respect of the relevant activity.

Section 18(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale and to sell electricity (under subsections (1)(a) and (d)).

On 14 November 2023, Golden Plains submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity to the wholesale electricity market.

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's electricity generation licence application form and 'Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences', Golden Plains provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 29 January 2024, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the Industry Act provides that the commission may grant or refuse the application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the Industry Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (Commission Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

- Golden Plains has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- Golden Plains is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the Commission Act and the Industry Act, the commission has decided to grant Golden Plains a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the generation of electricity at the Golden Plains Wind Farm East located in the vicinity of Rokewood Victoria, 3330, for supply and sale through the wholesale electricity market.

THE COMMON SEAL
of the ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 4 March 2024

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Kate Symons
Chairperson