

Exclusion for Guaranteed Service Level payment, Powercor Australia Limited – 5 October 2021

Guaranteed service level payment exclusion for an outage at the Red Cliff Terminal Station on 5 October 2021

Powercor Australia Limited (Powercor) applied to the commission on 15 November 2021 seeking exclusion from making supply restoration payments and low reliability payments (guaranteed service level payments), related to an event on 5 October 2021 at the Red Cliff Terminal Station (the Red Cliff Terminal Station power outage event).

On 15 December 2021, the Essential Services Commission granted an exclusion to Powercor from making guaranteed service level payments relating to the Red Cliff Terminal Station power outage event.

Under clause 6.3.4(c) of the Electricity Distribution Code, distributors can be excluded from making guaranteed service level payments for power outages, if it was caused by the failure of the transmission connection assets.

After reviewing the information Powercor provided, the commission is satisfied that Powercor qualifies to be granted an exclusion from the obligation to make guaranteed service level payments in relation to the Red Cliff Termination Station power outage event.

The commission was satisfied that the outage on 5 October 2021 was caused by generator control runback scheme issues related to overloading conditions at the Red Cliff Terminal Station. This resulted in premature operation and shutdown of transmission assets.

Essential Services Commission

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