



ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY RETAIL LICENCE

CleanTech Energy Pty Ltd
(ACN 603 595 704)

RECORD OF DECISION

9 December 2020

SUMMARY

In accordance with the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted CleanTech Energy Pty Ltd (ACN 603 595 704) a licence to sell electricity by retail to medium and large business customers in Victoria.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a licence

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 is:

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

Entitlement to apply for a licence

Section 18(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to sell electricity by retail.

The applicant

On 25 March 2020, CleanTech Energy submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to sell electricity by retail.

The application

Consistent with the requirements of our 'Guide to Applications for Electricity Industry and Gas Industry Licences', CleanTech Energy provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

CleanTech Energy presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity and financial viability.

On 18 September 2020, 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 *Electricity Industry Act 2000* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001*.

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that CleanTech Energy:

- has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted,
- has the financial resources to sustainably operate the proposed business in compliance with the conditions of the licence, and
- is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to sell electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* and the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*, the commission has decided to grant CleanTech Energy a licence to sell electricity by retail in Victoria, subject to conditions specified in the licence. The authorisation granted by the licence does not permit the sale of electricity through the wholesale market. The licence authorises the sale of electricity to medium and large business customers only.

**THE COMMON SEAL
of THE ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION**
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the Commission
on 9 December 2020

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Kate Symons
Chairperson

