

Notice of Authorisation – Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project

4 June 2024

1. Authorisation

The Consumer Trustee hereby authorises the Network Operator to develop, construct, own, control and operate the Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project in accordance with the terms of this instrument and section 31(1)(b) of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020*.

2. Definitions and interpretation

2.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, words and phrases in the Act have the same meaning in this instrument.

Act means the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* (NSW).

Authorisation means the authorisation by the Consumer Trustee under section 31(1)(b) of the Act set out in this instrument.

Diagram means the diagram set out in Annexure A.

Dedicated Connection Assets has the meaning given in the National Electricity Rules.

Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project means the REZ network infrastructure project for the Central-West Orana renewable energy zone identified in [section 5](#) of this instrument.

Map means the map set out in Annexure B.

National Electricity (NSW) Law means the provisions applying in New South Wales because of [section 6](#) of the *National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997* (NSW), as modified or disapplied pursuant to the Act, and includes the National Electricity Rules.

National Electricity Rules has the same meaning as in the National Electricity (NSW) Law, as modified or disapplied pursuant to the Act.

Network Operator means the network operator identified in [section 4](#) of this instrument.

Project Deed means the contractual arrangements for the Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project entitled “Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone – Non-Contestable Augmentations – Project Deed” which have been recommended by the Infrastructure Planner in accordance with cl 43(1)(e) of the Regulation.

Regulation means the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Regulation 2021* (NSW).

2.2 Interpretation

In this instrument, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) headings are used for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this instrument;
- (b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) the words “including” or “for example” when introducing an example, do not limit the meaning of the words to which the example relates to that example or examples of a similar kind;
- (d) references to conditions are references to conditions in this instrument;
- (e) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
- (f) a reference to a document includes the document as modified or amended from time to time and any document replacing it;
- (g) the word “person” includes a natural person and any firm, body corporate, trust, partnership, joint venture, body or association whether incorporated or unincorporated; and
- (h) where the Network Operator comprises a group of persons an obligation on that group of persons binds them jointly and each of them individually.

3. Term of authorisation

This Authorisation takes effect on the date of this instrument and ceases to have effect on the earlier of:

- (a) 30 June 2025 if the Project Deed has not been executed by both the Infrastructure Planner and the Network Operator by that date; and
- (b) the expiry or termination of the Project Deed.

4. Network Operator

The authorised Network Operator is NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited (ACN 609 169 959) as trustee for NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust (ABN 70 250 995 390) trading as Transgrid.

5. Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project

The authorised Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project comprises:

- (a) a new 330 kV single circuit transmission line between Bayswater and Liddell substations indicatively as shown in the Map and generally as described in the Diagram, in each case marked A;
- (b) a new 330 kV single circuit transmission line between Mt Piper and Wallerawang substations indicatively as shown in the Map and generally as described in the Diagram, in each case marked B;
- (c) Barigan Creek switching station cut in works involving Lines 5A3 and 5A5 and connection to Wollar substation indicatively as shown in the Map and generally as described in the Diagram and including remote ends works at Bayswater, Mt Piper and Wollar substations, in each case marked C;
- (d) works to the Network Operator's existing 330 kV Line 79 to enable the overcrossing of 500 kV transmission lines to be constructed from Barigan Creek switching station to Merotherie Energy Hub for the Central-West Orana renewable energy zone generally as described in the Diagram;
- (e) all ancillary plant, equipment or other assets that will be connected to or used by the Network Operator for the purposes of controlling and operating the above network infrastructure; and

- (f) any change, modification or addition to the above network infrastructure:
 - (1) required for the Network Operator to comply with its obligations under the National Electricity (NSW) Law or otherwise at law; or
 - (2) made in accordance with the Project Deed, provided that following the relevant change, modification or addition, the authorised Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project will remain consistent with the description in sections 5(a) to 5(e) of this instrument.

The Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project does not include any Dedicated Connection Assets.

6. Transfer of REZ network infrastructure project assets

- (a) If the Network Operator, having developed and constructed any asset comprising part of the authorised Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project, ceases to own or lease the relevant asset, that asset will automatically cease to be authorised under this instrument.
- (b) If the Network Operator acquires or leases an asset which:
 - (1) comprises part of an authorised REZ network infrastructure project under another instrument under the Act; and
 - (2) connects to or will be used by the Network Operator in connection with the control or operation of the Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project,the relevant asset will be deemed to be authorised under this instrument.

7. Specified contractual arrangements

The Network Operator is required to enter into the following contractual arrangements for the purpose of carrying out the Enabling CWO REZ Network Infrastructure Project:

- (a) the Project Deed.

Authorised by AEMO Services Limited, exercising the authority of the Consumer Trustee, in accordance with its resolution dated 15 May 2024.



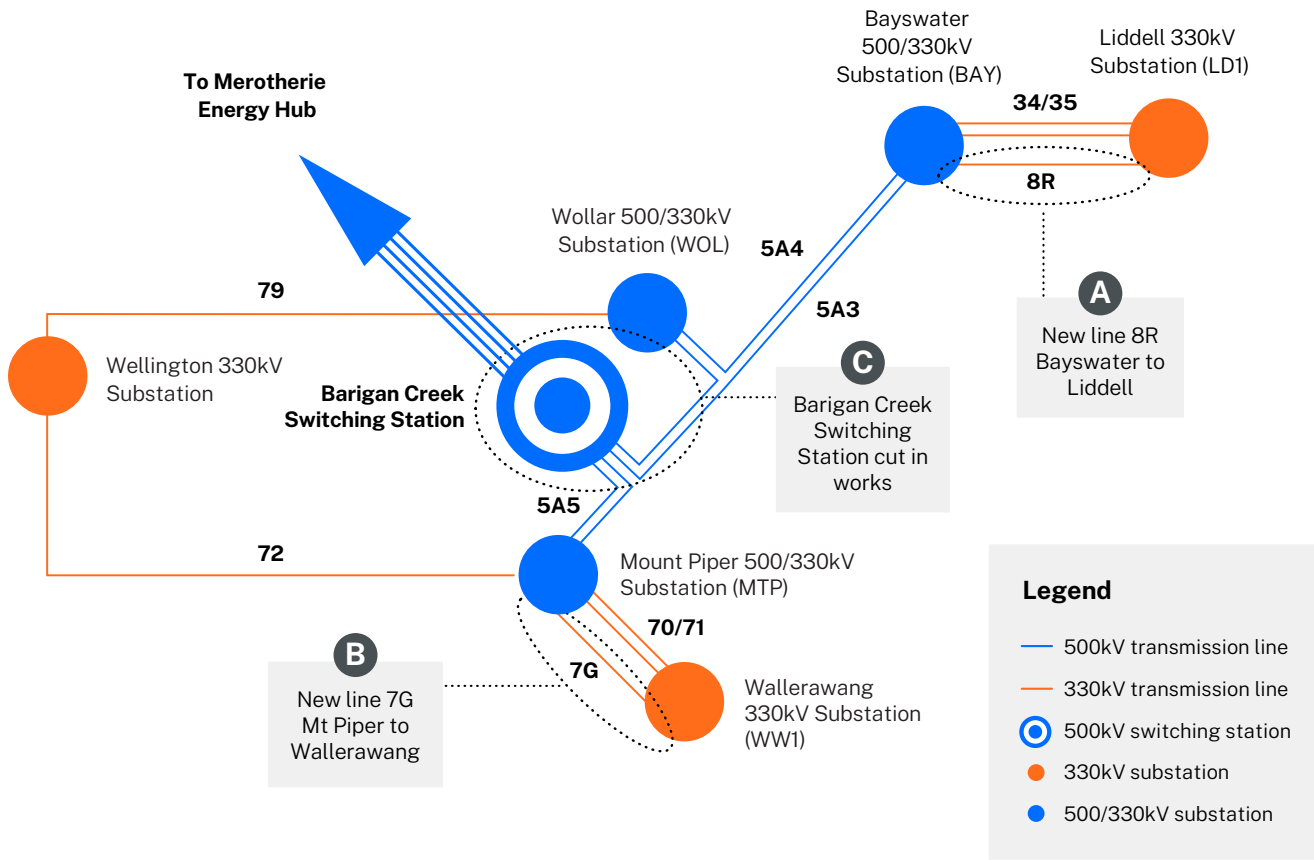
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4 June 2024

Date

Annexure A

Diagram



Annexure B

Map

