

Powerline Bushfire Safety Committee

Meeting 5: 12 December 2017

[Please note the new start time of 10:00 am as agreed at the last meeting]

Agenda

Part A - Committee Members and secretariat only

1. **Committee Discussion - David Harris [60 minutes]**
 - 1.1. **Committee procedural**
 - 1.2. **Register of Engagements – Committee Members – update - Secretariat**
 - 1.3. **Review of Victoria’s Electricity and Gas Network Safety Framework**
 - 1.4. **Other**

Coffee break [15 minutes]

Part B - Committee Members and Observers

2. **Introduction - David Harris [10 minutes]**
 - 2.1. **Attendance and apologies**
 - 2.2. **Previous meeting minutes**
 - 2.3. **Outstanding actions**
3. **DB progress to-date - on delivering the legislative requirements [60 minutes]**
 - 3.1. **Powercor - Steve Neave [25 minutes]**
 - 3.2. **AusNet - Tom Hallam [25 minutes]**
 - 3.3. **Discussion - David Harris [10 minutes]**
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 - 4.1. **Committee Member raised matters**
 - 4.2. **Electricity Distribution Code – ESC update DBs, ESV [5 min]**
 - 4.3. **Other matters**
5. **Future meetings – David Harris [5 minutes]**
 - 5.1. **Next meeting - 13 March 2018**
 - 5.2. **Subsequent meeting - 12 June 2018, 11 September 2018**

Meeting close

Exemption/Extensions to legislative requirements:

Electrical distributions have advised relief from requirements may be sought for the following matter(s):

1. Exemption Request

AusNet Services, Powercor and Jemena have each applied to ESV for exemptions against the requirements in regulations 7 (1)(ha) and 7 (1)(hb) of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013.

The exemptions sought are to exclude underground cables and fully insulated aerial conductors from the requirement to be protected by the REFCL in the all of the 45 specified zone substations specified in the legislation.

2. Extension Request

Both AusNet Services and Powercor have indicated that they will be seeking extensions to the Tranche 1 dates for REFCLs.

Standing actions:

Action	Status
The Secretariat to provide Members a list of matters where the industry is likely to seek relief from requirements with each meeting agenda.	To be provided with the agenda of the next meeting.

Outstanding actions from previous meetings:

Meeting date	Matter	Action	Status
13/06/2017	2.3 Outstanding Actions	Members to consider the content of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	No progress
	2.3 Outstanding Actions	The secretariat to produce an outline of the process/protocol for the provision of advice to the DoES, when requested.	No progress.
12/09/2017	3.2 AusNet Services Woori Yallock update.	AusNet Services are to confirm if the cross country fault was the result of a surge diverter failure.	AusNet to provide report to members
	3.2 AusNet Services REFCL progress update.	AusNet Services to include the number of HV customers connect to each of the zone substations in future timeline presentations	AusNet Services to include the number of HV customers in their update reports.

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	3.3 AusNet Services and Powercor REFCL availability.	AusNet Services and Powercor to provide a report to the December committee meeting on the expected REFCL availability for the 2017/18 summer period.	AusNet and Powercor to provide a report to members
	6.1 AusNet Services and Powercor progress updates.	AusNet Services and Powercor to consider including the additional information sort by members in their update reports.	AusNet Services and Powercor to consider including the additional information sort by members in their update report to the December committee meeting.
Outcome legend			Open
			Closed