

Utilities Act 2000
Standard Electricity Supply Licensing Provisions

**ACT Greenpower Scheme Implementation:
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Supply Licence Provisions**

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**SCHEDULE 1: ADDITIONAL UTILITY SERVICE LICENCE OBLIGATIONS –
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

1. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKET REGISTRATION

At all times during the term of this licence, the **Licensee** must directly, or by an agent, hold and comply with the conditions of any registration required under the **National Electricity Code-Rules** granted by **NEMMCO or its successor body**.

2. REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE *ELECTRICITY (GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS) ACT 2004*

2.1 Licensees must comply with requirements of the ACT Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme

The **Licensee** must comply with:

- (1) its greenhouse gas benchmark; and
- (2) the *Electricity (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) Act 2004* and statutory instruments in force under that Act.

2.2 Annual reporting on the ACT Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme

The Licensee must submit an audited Benchmark Statement annually to ICRC by 1 March of the year following the compliance year, or at a later date as set by the ICRC.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Licensee must develop environmental strategies

The **Licensee** must develop, and comply with, strategies for promoting energy efficiency, demand management and sustainable energy sourcing.

3.2 Licensees to have regard

Licensees must have regard to the following in developing the **Licensee's** environmental strategies:

- (1) facilitation of programs whereby **customers** can, by subscribing to a particular scheme or tariff, support energy generation projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) facilitation of buy back arrangements whereby excess electricity produced by stand alone greenhouse friendly systems operated by **customers** can be fed into the grid;

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- (3) provision to **customers** of information which enables them to better manage their energy use, for example, through billing systems; and
- (4) promotion of energy management by **customers** in the commercial and industrial sectors.

3.3 Annual reporting requirements

The **Licensee** must report annually to **ICRC** on its implementation of, and compliance with, the strategies developed under clause **32.1** of this schedule.

3.4 Minimum content of annual report

At a minimum, this report must include:

- (1) information about greenhouse gas emissions arising from power purchase arrangements, including any purchases from embedded generators, co-generation plants and other purchases separate from the **NEMMCO** pool;
- (2) details about the sources of generation of the electricity supplied; and
- (3) details about the proportions of energy purchased from the different sources;
- (4) information on the accredited green energy products available from the Licensee; and
- (5) information on the number of new and reconnecting customers (residential and commercial) who have accepted the first offer of 100 per cent (full supply) of an accredited green energy product.

4. GREENPOWER SCHEME

4.1 Definitions

In this clause 4:

“accredited product” means a product obtained solely from an accredited renewable energy source.

“accredited renewable energy source” means an energy source accredited under the National GreenPower Accreditation Program as specified under its current Rules and Guidelines.

“full electricity supply” means supply equivalent to:

- (1) 100 per cent of the customer’s electricity consumption; or

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- (2) the Australian average household electricity consumption as defined by the National GreenPower Accreditation Program Rules.

“National GreenPower Accreditation Program” means the *‘National GreenPower Accreditation Program’* established through joint collaboration by participating government agencies in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia, overseen by the National GreenPower Steering Committee.

“new and re-connecting customers” of a supplier means a customer who has applied, orally or in writing, to an electricity retailer for electricity to be provided under a customer contract, including a person who has previously been provided a service under a customer contract.

“potential new or re-connecting customer” of a supplier means a person to whom the supplier offers to supply electricity and who would, if the offer is accepted, be a new or re-connecting customer.

4.2 Licence condition regarding accredited renewable energy sources

- (1) From 1 January 2009, the Licensee must comply the following requirements:
- (a) the first product offered to each potential new or re-connecting customer of the Licensee must be an accredited product; and
 - (b) the accredited product must constitute the full electricity supply of the customer; and
 - (c) the Licensee must also make the potential new or re-connecting customer aware that other product options are available to the customer, which may include varying components or percentages of accredited products as part of the alternative offering, so long as the potential new or re-connecting customer has refused the first offer before accepting an alternative product offering; and
 - (d) the Licensee must ensure that each offer made under clause 4.2:
 - (i) includes a statement as to whether the contract under which the electricity is to be supplied is a standard form customer supply contract or a negotiated customer supply contract, and
 - (ii) includes a statement of the tariffs and charges on the basis of which electricity from accredited renewable energy sources will be supplied under the contract if the potential customer accepts the offer.

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(2) The Licensee must offer and make available to existing customers at their request an accredited product.

DICTIONARY

“National Electricity Rules” means the National Electricity Rules which govern the operation of the National Electricity Market and are made under the National Electricity Law (*National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996*) as applied in the ACT by the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997*.