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**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY  
AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2021**

**STATUTORY RULES 2021, No. 132**

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## **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2021**

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*.

Dated 13 December 2021.

B. BAKER  
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

GUY BARNETT  
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

### **1. Short title**

These regulations may be cited as the *Electricity Supply Industry Amendment Regulations 2021*.

### **2. Commencement**

These regulations take effect on 1 January 2022.

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**3. Principal Regulations**

In these regulations, the *Electricity Supply Industry Regulations 2018*\* are referred to as the Principal Regulations.

**4. Part 1: Heading inserted**

The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following heading before regulation 1:

**PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

**5. Part 2: Heading inserted**

The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following heading after regulation 3:

**PART 2 – PRESCRIBED MATTERS**

**6. Regulation 8 amended (Work of minor environmental impact)**

Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraph:

- (ca) the installation or erection of powerlines on, and over, private land to individual lots and structures, for the distribution or supply of electricity;

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\*S.R. 2018, No. 80

## 7. Part 3 inserted

After regulation 12 of the Principal Regulations,  
the following Part is inserted:

### **PART 3 – CONNECTION SERVICE STANDARDS**

#### **13. Interpretation of Part**

(1) In this Part –

*applicant*, in relation to an application,  
means the person who made the  
application;

*application* means an application for a  
permit for a development or use  
that requires a relevant entity to  
make a connection to relevant  
electricity infrastructure;

*assessment stage* means the stage of  
works that includes –

- (a) the assessment or  
determination of the  
scope of the works; and
- (b) the issue of a letter of  
response;

*connection letter of offer* means a  
letter, issued by a relevant entity  
to an applicant, that confirms the  
details of the design stage of the  
works to which the applicant's  
application relates;

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***connection stage*** means the stage of works that includes –

- (a) the construction of relevant electricity infrastructure, to a point of supply that has been agreed between the relevant entity and the applicant; and
- (b) the inspection and approval of relevant electricity infrastructure, including infrastructure for connections, that has been constructed as part of the works; and
- (c) notification that the works are completed being given to the applicant, or the retailer, by the relevant entity;

***design stage*** means the stage of works that includes –

- (a) the design of the works; and
- (b) the checking of the design of the works; and
- (c) the approval of the design of the works; and

- (d) the issue of a connection letter of offer;

***large-scale works*** means works that –

- (a) require the provision of high-voltage electricity infrastructure; or
- (b) are for the purposes of a development or use that has a maximum demand of more than one megawatt of electricity, and require the provision of low-voltage electricity infrastructure; or
- (c) are, in the reasonable opinion of the relevant entity undertaking the works, complex in nature;

***letter of response*** means a letter, issued by a relevant entity to an applicant, that confirms the details of the assessment stage of the works to which the applicant's application relates;

***medium-scale works*** means works, for the purposes of a development or use that has a maximum demand of up to and including one megawatt of electricity, that –

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(a) require the provision of low-voltage electricity infrastructure; or

(b) are not small-scale works;

*small-scale works* means works, for the purposes of a development or use that has a maximum demand of 100 amps or less, that can be undertaken using existing low-voltage electricity infrastructure and network capacity.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a term used in this regulation and also in Division 5B of Part 3 of the Act has the same meaning in this regulation as it has in that Division.

#### **14. Stages of works**

For the purposes of section 44O(1)(a) of the Act, the stages of the process required to be undertaken by a relevant entity in relation to works specified in that paragraph are as follows:

(a) the assessment stage;

(b) the design stage;

(c) the connection stage.

**15. Timing of stages of works**

(1) In this regulation –

*application date*, in relation to an application, means the day on which the application, or relevant notice of the application, for the works of the type specified in section 44O(1)(a)(i), (ii) or (iii), is provided to, and accepted by, the relevant entity.

(2) For the purposes of section 44O(1)(b) of the Act, the time, calculated from the application date in relation to an application, by which a relevant entity is to complete each stage of a process in relation to small-scale works to which the application relates is –

(a) for –

(i) the assessment stage – 10 business days; and

(ii) the design stage – 25 business days; and

(iii) the connection stage – 45 business days; or

(b) such time as is agreed in relation to each stage between a relevant entity and the applicant.

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- (3) For the purposes of section 44O(1)(b) of the Act, the time, calculated from the application date in relation to an application, by which a relevant entity is to complete each stage of a process in relation to medium-scale works to which the application relates is –
- (a) for –
    - (i) the assessment stage – 15 business days; and
    - (ii) the design stage – 35 business days; and
    - (iii) the connection stage – 60 business days; or
  - (b) such time as is agreed in relation to each stage between a relevant entity and the applicant.
- (4) For the purposes of section 44O(1)(b) of the Act, the time, calculated from the application date in relation to an application, by which a relevant entity is to complete each stage of a process in relation to large-scale works to which the application relates is –
- (a) for –
    - (i) the assessment stage – 30 business days; and

- (ii) the design stage – 80 business days; and
  - (iii) the connection stage – 160 business days; or
- (b) such time as is agreed in relation to each stage between a relevant entity and the applicant.

**16. Exceptions and extensions to timing of stages of works**

- (1) A time by which a stage of a process in relation to works specified in regulation 15 is to be completed does not apply –
- (a) if –
    - (i) there is a flood, fire, natural disaster or other emergency event; and
    - (ii) the relevant entity is reasonably satisfied that a delay to the completion of the stage of a process in relation to works specified in that regulation is necessary, because of the diversion of resources of the entity in relation to the event; or

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- (b) if the relevant entity is reasonably satisfied that the entity is unable to access a location at which the works specified in that regulation are to be undertaken; or
  - (c) if the relevant entity is reasonably satisfied that the entity is unable to complete the stage of the process in relation to works specified in that regulation due to other works, to be carried out by a person who is not the relevant entity, not yet being carried out.
- (2) If, in order to complete a stage of a process in relation to works specified under regulation 15, a relevant entity requires information from an applicant or retailer –
- (a) the relevant entity is to request the information from the applicant or retailer as soon as practicable; and
  - (b) the time by which that stage of a process in relation to works specified in regulation 15 is to be completed ceases to run on and from the day on which the request is made under paragraph (a) until 5 days after the relevant entity is supplied, to the satisfaction of the relevant entity, with the information.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of State Growth.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the regulations)*

These regulations amend the *Electricity Supply Industry Regulations 2018* by –

- (a) classifying the installation or erection of powerlines on private property as work of minor environmental impact; and
- (b) specifying the stages of a process in relation to certain categories of works; and
- (c) specifying the time by which each of the stages of each of the categories of works is to be completed.