

Decision Summary

Transfer of Generation Licence – Manton Dam Solar Power Station

Decision

In accordance with section 33 of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000* (ER Act), the Utilities Commission (Commission) has approved the transfer of the generation licence for the Manton Dam Solar Power Station from Eni Australia Limited (Agent) and Eni New Energy Manton Dam Pty Ltd (Principal) to Eni Plenitude Renewables Manton Dam Pty Ltd (EPR Manton Dam).

Background

In March 2026, Eni Australia Limited submitted an application to transfer the generation licence for the Manton Dam Solar Power Station to EPR Manton Dam.

The application arises from an internal corporate restructure within the Eni Group. As part of this restructure, the assets associated with the Manton Dam Solar Power Station were transferred to EPR Manton Dam under an Asset Sale Agreement. The transfer of the licence is sought to align ownership of the generation assets with the licence authorising their operation.

The Manton Dam Solar Power Station is a 10 MW AC solar generation facility located near Darwin in the Northern Territory. The facility has been operating under a generation licence issued by the Commission on 1 July 2022 and most recently varied on 6 February 2026.

The applicant advised that the proposed transfer does not involve any changes to the design, operation, technical capability, personnel, management arrangements or network connection arrangements of the generating facility. Existing commercial arrangements, including the relevant power purchase agreement, have been assigned to EPR Manton Dam.

Assessment

In assessing the application, the Commission considered the requirements of sections 16 and 33 of the ER Act and the matters specified in section 6(2) of the Utilities Commission Act 2000 (UC Act).

The Commission is satisfied that EPR Manton Dam is a suitable person to hold the generation licence. The entity forms part of the Eni Group through Eni Plenitude S.p.A. Società Benefit (Plenitude) and has access to appropriate financial, technical and human resources through Eni Plenitude Renewables Australia Pty Ltd and the broader Eni Group. The Commission notes that the proposed transfer forms part of an internal corporate restructure and that there will be no material changes to the operational, technical or management arrangements supporting operation of the facility.

The Commission is also satisfied that the Manton Dam Solar Power Station continues to possess the necessary characteristics to generate electricity of an appropriate quality for the relevant electricity network. No changes are proposed to the generating plant, its operational capability or its connection arrangements with the Power and Water Corporation network.

Public versions of the licence transfer applications were published on the Commission's website and stakeholders were invited to make submissions. The Commission did not receive

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any submissions in relation to the proposed transfer and did not identify any matters that would warrant refusal of the application.

Having regard to the requirements of sections 16 and 33 of the ER Act, the Commission is satisfied that EPR Manton Dam would be entitled to be granted the licence and therefore may receive the licence by transfer.

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Having regard to sections 16 and 33 of the ER Act and the matters specified in section 6(2) of the UC Act, the Commission has approved the transfer of the generation licence for the Manton Dam Solar Power Station from Eni Australia Limited (Agent) and Eni New Energy Manton Dam Pty Ltd (Principal) to Eni Plenitude Renewables Manton Dam Pty Ltd.