



Thursday, 23 April 2020

Kimberlee McKay  
Director  
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory  
Level 11, Charles Darwin Centre  
19 The Mall  
Darwin NT 0800

Dear Kimberlee,

**Subject: Response to stakeholder feedback submissions in relation to application by RPS1101 Pty Ltd for a generation licence to carry on operations in the Northern Territory Electricity Supply Industry made under section 15 of the Electricity Reform Act 2000.**

RPS1101 Pty Ltd (“RPS”) thanks the Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory (the “Commission”) for the opportunity to provide a response to the stakeholder feedback submissions of Power and Water Corporation (“PWC”) and Territory Generation (“TGen”) as part of the consultation process for RPS’s generator licence application.

RPS appreciates the time taken by PWC and TGen for their considered and supportive submissions, and RPS/Rimfire Group look forward to continuing its excellent working relationship with them and to their future involvement in this important project.

As acknowledged by PWC and TGen, the innovative nature of the virtual power plant (“VPP”) represents opportunities for electricity customers and competition for the Alice Springs electricity network. In order to realise these opportunities RPS appreciates there will need to be a level of review and updating of some existing market mechanisms and codes, some of which can be drawn from the collective knowledge gained during development and establishment of the Darwin-Katherine Interconnected System (“DKIS”).

RPS is confident that the contemplated pilot period following network connection and commissioning of the VPP on the Alice Springs electricity network will provide key stakeholders with an appropriate period for further detailed consultation and development time sufficient to address those items raised by PWC and TGen that the Commission views as validly requiring review and amending.

As a long term NT electricity market participant, Rimfire Group is committed to ensuring the VPP is compliant with the relevant codes and regulatory requirements that have been established and that continue to evolve in order to provide a reliable and secure system, as well as continuing to develop innovative products and services that benefit the NT electricity customers through lower electricity prices.

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RPS is pleased to provide this response and we look forward to the opportunity of further meetings with the Commission to discuss this response and our application in greater detail at an appropriate time if required. Should the Commission have any questions or require any further information in order to positively assess RPS's suitability to be granted the licence for which it has applied and to determine the specifications of the licence conditions to apply, please notify us accordingly.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Allen', written over a horizontal dotted line.

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