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Operational Update

Contestable Works Process review

Ergon

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The Contestable Works Team

The Ergon Energy Contestable Works team has reviewed a number of processes in the Subdivision and Rate 2 Public Lighting area. This ongoing review has resulted in the following changes to the Contestable Works processes.

Fees and Charges

Ergon Energy has updated our Application Fees and Charges applicable to Subdivision and Rate 2 Public Lighting projects (Developer Design and Construct). Please find attached the new rates that will be **applicable to projects submitted from Monday 11th November 2019**.

The fees are calculated on the number of lots for Subdivision projects and number of Rate 2 lights for Public Lighting projects. All other existing fees remain as is, however standard fees will continue to be developed to simplify the fee process.

Subdivisions and Rate 2 Public Lighting Application Fees (Developer Design and Construct)

Number of subdivision lots (includes balance lots) Number of street lights (Public Lighting only project)	2019 / 2020 Fee (based on Consultants Rating)		
	A	B	C
	(excluding GST)	(excluding GST)	(excluding GST)
0 – 5	\$414	\$829	\$1,243
6 – 25	\$1,084	\$1,626	\$2,168
26 – 50	\$1,403	\$2,104	\$2,806
>50 or complex project	\$1,717	\$2,575	\$3,434
Re-submission	\$156 (excl. GST)		
Subdivision Bond			
Community Title \$2,500 per dwelling	Freehold lot URD or C&I \$2,500 per lot	\$15,000 minimum	

Ergon Energy has also decided that we will trial not charging audit fees based on a contractors rating. The new fee relating to contractors will be the same regardless of their rating and will be based on the value currently used for an “A-Rated” contractor regardless of the contractors rating.

Online Enquiry process

With the introduction of the published application fees, Ergon Energy is proposing to simplify the Online Enquiry process. The Contestable Works team will continue to provide a response to the Enquiry with the Work Request number and the necessary details of the Ergon Energy electrical distribution network.

As a trial the Work Request will remain open for 2 years from the date of creation, rather than 6 months.

If the Accredited Design Consultant does not require network information, please make this clear in the Online Enquiry (i.e. Work Request number only required). This will significantly reduce effort in the process

Please remember where existing assets are to be relocated or removed, please submit a relocation request via the Ergon Portal so the works can be undertaken as a separate project.

If you require other information such as PMT MDI readings, switch availability within PMT's and RMU's, please email your request to CCG.Contestable@ergon.com.au. Ergon Energy will arrange for this information to be made available by way of site visit or email with the information required. This request should come through after the Work Request number has been provided.

Concept Designs

If your development is multi-staged or is a single stage with HV works, please send Ergon Energy a concept of the HV works, such as:

- HV conduit routes
- Number HV of conduits and configuration
- Cable sizes
- Proposed PMT and RMU sites, Pit's if required etc
- Nearest existing network details i.e. HV & LV voltages, UG or OH, distance from the development, distance from proposed connection point

This will enable Ergon to assess prior to Application, and where required send this off to our Regional Management teams for their input early in your planning/design process. The Concept should be submitted prior to the application, allowing the scope of works to be identified before an application fee is paid.

Design acceptance and Design audits

Rather than having a formal step in the process of "accepting" consultant designs post NCEC, the Contestable Works team will be removing the "Design Acceptance" phase. It is expected that any design submitted to Ergon Energy for a NCEC by the Ergon Accredited Design Consultant is designed in accordance with Ergon's Design and Construction standards and approved by a suitable qualified RPEQ.

The design may be subject to a full design audit post NCEC being issued. This will be at the discretion of Ergon Energy.

RPEQ requirements

The "For Construction" design submitted to Ergon Energy for the Subdivision or Rate 2 public lighting installation must be certified by a suitably qualified RPEQ on the "For Construction" design. The distribution reticulation design can be certified by including the RPEQ Name, Number and Signature in the title block. Where there is Rate 2 Public Lighting installed to AS/NZ standards, the appropriate compliance statement (as per the standard) is to be included on the design. This must also be certified by a suitably qualified RPEQ.

If the public lighting is not installed to AS/NZ standards, a statement must be included on the design clearly stating this.

With the design having the appropriate RPEQ certifications, it will no longer be required to submit the following documents:

- PW000400T101 Certificate of lighting design
- PW000400T100 Certificate of electrical reticulation design

For Construction Drawings

It is proposed that Ergon Energy issue the NCEC based on the “For Construction” drawings. It will be likely that the design you submit with your application is the “For Constructed” drawing. Where this is the case, Ergon Energy will require a note on the email as well as the design stating the submission is the “For Construction” drawing. The NCEC will be issued to the Consultant only via email. Upon receipt of the executed agreement and payment of fees and charges per the NCEC, Ergon Energy will send a response approving the pre-start meeting. This change will reduce the number of steps in the process. (Note: Site Id’s not required for “For Construction” but preferred if possible)

NCEC extension of execution expiry period

Ergon Energy has extended the period of expiry for signing on a NCEC from 20 days to 90 days. This will enable developers more time to arrange their signatures and finances. It is preferable for the signed NCEC, bonds and payment remittances to be sent via the consultant to ccg.contestable@ergon.com.au to ensure the consultant is kept informed throughout the process.

Multiple recipients in email correspondence

All emails relating to Subdivisions or Street Lighting Contestable Projects are to be emailed to the CCG email address CCG.contestable@ergon.com.au with the Work Request number in the Subject line. There is no need to include others in the email.

By adding a host of others to the email you are essentially saying you are seeking a series of responses from all recipients. It adds confusion and potentially will delay a meaningful response as we are now forced to involve stake holders that may not have been required to be involved.

Developers Handbook

Please be advised that these changes will be reflected in the Developer’s Handbook where appropriate, however this Operational Update overrides other Ergon Energy documentation where it relates to Contestable Works projects.

For more information contact:

E-mail ccg.contestable@ergon.com.au