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Operational Update

EQL Contestable Works Energex Partnering Agreement

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Target Audience:

Energex Partnering Agreement Consultants

Background:

The Energex Partnering Agreement was established in 2004 for the purpose of reducing the amount of “paperwork” being submitted to Energex by design consultants when requesting a Subdivision Electricity Supply Agreement (SESA) or Public Lighting Supply Agreement (PLSA). This was at a time when all design submission packages were sent to Energex in hard copy. As part of the Partnering Agreement, design consultants were also permitted to issue the Certificate of Supply for all Fast Track and SESA subdivision projects. Consultant participation in the agreement was voluntary and at the invitation of Energex.

The design package submission process has been totally electronic for several years and is now fully embedded in the consultant’s and Energy Queensland’s project management systems.

Key Changes – Partnering Agreement:

Energy Queensland has reviewed the Partnering Agreement and has determined that it has reached end of life. The agreement is being retired and discontinued from the implementation date of this Operational Update.

Key Changes - Design Submission Packages:

All ASP Design Consultants, previously on the Energex Partnering Agreement, are now required to submit full design packages to Energy Queensland when requesting a Subdivision Electricity Supply Agreement (SESA) or Public Lighting Supply Agreement (PLSA).

All documentation, calculations, approvals and supporting information that was previously retained on file at the consultant’s office shall now be included (in electronic format) in the design submission package. This is the same design submission requirements as for all other design consultants.

Examples include:

- LGA Approvals.
- Other Authority Approvals.
- Voltage Drop Calculations. Fault loop Calculations
- Pole Inspection Forms.
- Overhead Line Profiles (on worksplans).
- Motor Start Calculations.
- Any Non-Standard Approvals. (ENSARS)
- Records of any customer negotiations.

Key Changes – SESA Certificate of Supply:

Concurrent with the retiring of the Partnering Agreement, design consultants are no longer authorised to issue the Certificate of Supply for contestable projects that involve works and require a Subdivision Electricity Supply Agreement (SESA).
(There is no Certificate of Supply associated with a PLSA).

Energy Queensland will issue the Certificate of Supply for all projects that involve works that require a SESA. This is the same (existing) process as for design consultants who are not on the Partnering Agreement.

Key Changes – Fast Track Certificate of Supply:

Energy Queensland is now permitting any WCS47.1 design consultant that holds an “A” Rating to be able to issue the Certificate of Supply for small subdivisions. Further information is contained in Operational Update C-0044 that provides details of this improved process for a Fast Track – Certificate of Supply.

Summary:

Energy Queensland understands that changes will be required to the consultant’s Business Management Systems and processes due to the retirement of the Partnering Agreement. Accordingly, an implementation date has been set to give consultants adequate time to implement the necessary changes in their management systems.

Implementation Date:

These changes are effective from Monday 3rd October 2022.

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