Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone - Notice of completion of the Initial Allocation of Access Rights

Notice

The Minister for Energy declared the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) access scheme (Access Scheme) under the *Renewable Energy Zone (Central-West Orana) Access Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024* on 19 December 2022 and published in the NSW Government Gazette on 23 December 2022 under s 24(1) of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* (EII Act) (Access Scheme Declaration), as amended from time to time.

Energy Corporation of New South Wales (EnergyCo), in its capacity as Infrastructure Planner for the Central-West Orana REZ and administrator for the Access Scheme, gives notice under the Access Scheme Declaration that it has granted access rights under the Access Scheme to a capacity of 5.35 GW and the initial allocation of access rights is complete.[1]

The initial aggregate maximum capacity cap under the Access Scheme Declaration was initially 5.84 gigawatts (GW).[2] EnergyCo increased the aggregate maximum capacity to 7.7 GW as notified on 16 January 2025 following a Headroom Assessment under the Access Scheme Declaration.[3] EnergyCo can only award access rights above the initial aggregate maximum capacity cap after the initial allocation has been completed.

Basis for decision

Under the Access Scheme Declaration, the Infrastructure Planner has determined that the initial allocation has been completed because the aggregate maximum capacity in any capacity period of approved projects granted access rights under the initial allocation has exceeded 90% of the initial aggregate maximum capacity cap in that capacity period.[4]

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[1] Access Scheme Declaration, clause 7(4).
[2] Access Scheme Declaration, clause 8(1).
[3] Access Scheme Declaration, clause 10.
[4] Access Scheme Declaration, clause 7(4)(a).