

Final Decision

Neoen's Large Dedicated Connection Asset
access policies for Goyder Wind Farm 1A OHL
and Goyder Wind Farm 1B OHL

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1 Purpose

On 30 May 2025, the AER approved Neoen’s large dedicated connection asset access policies for Goyder Wind Farm 1A OHL (Goyder 1A) and Goyder Wind Farm 1B OHL (Goyder 1B).

This decision document sets out our assessment leading to the approval of the access policies.

Copies of approved access policies can be found on our [website](#).

1.1 Background

Connection assets, DCAs and DNAs

Privately owned and operated extension lines commonly required to connect generators and large energy customers to the shared transmission network are broadly described as connection assets.

Dedicated connection assets (DCAs) are privately owned and operated connection assets (large and small) that provide services required to connect a party to the shared transmission network (e.g. the power line that connects parts of a substation to a generating system) at a single connection point.

The current framework for large connection assets in the National Electricity Rules (NER) is the Designated Network Asset (DNA) framework, which was established on 8 July 2021.¹ This sought to facilitate more efficient investment in and use of transmission assets and sought to address issues that arise when multiple facilities seek to connect to the same connection asset.

The framework immediately preceding the DNA framework was established through the Australian Energy Market Commission’s (AEMC) 2017 Transmission Connection and Planning Arrangements (TCAPA) Rule.² This document will refer to the framework established by the TCAPA rule change as the legacy framework or legacy rules. The legacy framework is set out in Chapter 5 of version 167 of the NER. From here, this will be referred to as the “former Chapter 5.”

When the DNA framework was established, the final rule contained transitional provisions which:

- provided for the grandfathering of existing large DCAs and connection agreements (clauses 11.139.3 and 11.139.5 of the NER), and
- provided for former Chapter 5 to continue to apply to the connection process if a connection enquiry, in respect of a large DCA that did not yet exist, was made prior to the effective date (8 July 2021) of the new DNA framework (clause 11.139.6 of the NER).

¹ AEMC, [National Electricity Amendment \(Connection to Dedicated Connection Assets\) Rule 2021](#).

² AEMC, [Transmission Connection and Planning Arrangements Rule 2017](#).

Goyder 1A and 1B large DCAs

Goyder 1A and Goyder 1B are both 275kV (single circuit) overhead transmission lines spanning from Robertstown Substation to a non-regulated connection substation (GWF Substation) located to the northwest of Robertstown Substation around 125 km from Adelaide. Each line has a total length of 31.66km, was commissioned in December 2023, and has a design life of approximately 25 years.

2 AER's decision

2.1 Legal framework

Goyder 1A and 1B are eligible to be assessed under the former Chapter 5 of the NER as per the transitional arrangements in clause 11.139.6 of the NER.

Under clause 5.2A.8(c) of the former Chapter 5, the AER has the function of:

- (1) approving an access policy and variations to it; and
- (2) enforcing compliance with an access policy.

Under clause 5.2A.8(f) of the former Chapter 5 we must approve an access policy or variation to it if we are reasonably satisfied that the access policy complies with 5.2A.8(b) of former Chapter 5.

2.2 AER assessment

On 18 March 2025, Neoen's Goyder 1A and 1B large DCA access policies were submitted to us for approval, with revised policies submitted on 15 May 2025.

We have undertaken a review of the Goyder 1A and 1B access policies in accordance with clause 5.2A.8(b) of the former Chapter 5 of the NER and we are reasonably satisfied that they comply with the requirements.

Our assessment is set out in tables 2.1 and 2.2.

Table 2.1 – Assessment of the Goyder 1A large DCA access policy against the minimum requirements of clause 5.2A.8(b) of the former Chapter 5

Minimum content requirements under former Chapter 5 clause 5.2A.8(b)	Where addressed in the Goyder 1A access policy
(1) A description of the routes, tenure arrangements and main components of the large dedicated connection asset and the facilities connected to it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagram A1-1 – Route Overview, including notes 1 and 2 • Diagram A1-2 – Robertstown Substation close up, including notes 1, 2 and 3 • Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 5 – Tenure arrangements for the LDCA • Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 6 – Main components of the LDCA and facilities connected to the LDCA
(2) Any material regulatory limitations relating to the development and operation of the large dedicated connection asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 7 – Material regulatory limitations
(3) The pricing principles and the key terms which are proposed to apply to the provision of large DCA services where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 8 – Pricing principles for LDCA Services

Minimum content requirements under former Chapter 5 clause 5.2A.8(b)	Where addressed in the Goyder 1A access policy
such principles and terms must be consistent with schedule 5.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3, section 6 – Key terms applicable to the LDCA Services
(4) The process by which an applicant may seek access to large DCA services, which must include a right for an applicant to obtain sufficient information to enable it to prepare a request for the large DCA services it requires and contact details for access enquiries; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2, section 4 – Seeking access to the GWF1A OHL Part 3, section 3 – Indicative negotiation timeframes, including Table 3-1: Timeframe for negotiations Part 3, section 4 – Provision of Commercial Information by Service Applicant Part 3, section 5 – Provision of information by GWFC Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 3 – LDCA Service Provider Contact Details
(5) Advice on the availability of commercial arbitration under rule 5.5 in the case of a dispute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3, section 10 – Dispute resolution – availability of commercial arbitration under the NER

Table 2.2 – assessment of the Goyder 1B large DCA access policy against the minimum requirements of clause 5.2A.8(b) of the former Chapter 5.

Minimum content requirements under former Chapter 5 clause 5.2A.8(b)	Where addressed in the Goyder 1B access policy
(1) A description of the routes, tenure arrangements and main components of the large dedicated connection asset and the facilities connected to it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 4 – LDCA 1B OHL route Diagram A1-1 – Route Overview, including notes 1 and 2 Diagram A1-2 – Robertstown Substation close up, including notes 1, 2 and 3
(2) Any material regulatory limitations relating to the development and operation of the large dedicated connection asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 7 – Material regulatory limitations
(3) The pricing principles and the key terms which are proposed to apply to the provision of large DCA services where such principles and terms must be consistent with schedule 5.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 8 – Pricing principles for LDCA Services Part 3, section 6 – Key terms applicable to the LDCA Services
(4) The process by which an applicant may seek access to large DCA services,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2, section 4 – Seeking access to the GWF1B OHL

Minimum content requirements under former Chapter 5 clause 5.2A.8(b)	Where addressed in the Goyder 1B access policy
<p>which must include a right for an applicant to obtain sufficient information to enable it to prepare a request for the large DCA services it requires and contact details for access enquiries; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 3, section 3 – Indicative negotiation timeframes • Part 3, section 4 – Provision of Commercial Information by Service Applicant • Part 3, section 5 – Provision of information by GWFC • Table 1-1: LDCA Details, Item 3 – LDCA Service Provider contact details
<p>(5) Advice on the availability of commercial arbitration under rule 5.5 in the case of a dispute.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 3, section 10 – Dispute resolution – availability of commercial arbitration under the NER.

2.3 Conclusion

In accordance with clause 5.2A.8(f) of the former Chapter 5 of the NER, on 30 May 2025 we decided to approve Neoen’s Goyder 1A and 1B large DCA access policies.

Glossary

Term	Definition
AEMC	Australian Energy Market Commission
DCA	Dedicated connection asset
DNA	Designated network asset
NER	National Electricity Rules
