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Project Director – AGL Energy Limited
Via Major Projects Portal

05/04/2024

Subject: Request to stage Fire Safety Study – Liddell Battery and Bayswater Ancillary Works (SSD 8889679)

Dear Hamid

I refer to your letter dated 21 March 2024, requesting approval for the staging of the Fire Safety Study for the Liddell Battery and Bayswater Ancillary Works (SSD 8889679). The Fire Safety Study is required to be prepared prior to the commencement of construction of the battery energy storage system under Condition B2 of Schedule 2 of the development consent and staging is permitted under Condition A7 of Schedule 2.

The department notes that the project has previously been staged as follows:

- Stage 1 comprising decoupling works;
- Stage 2 comprising the battery energy storage system and associated works; and
- Stage 3 comprising Bayswater Ancillary Works and consolidated consents.

The department notes that under Stage 2 it is proposed that:

- the Fire Safety Study is to be prepared to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary and Fire and Rescue NSW at least three months prior to the installation of batteries or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary; and
- other construction activities associated with the battery energy storage system, such as site preparation works, installation of erosion and sediment controls, the laying of battery foundation concrete slabs and construction of other ancillary infrastructure be permitted to commence prior to the preparation of the Fire Safety Study.

Accordingly, as a nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve that the Fire Safety Study can be staged to be prepared to the satisfaction of the Secretary and Fire and Rescue NSW at least three months prior to the installation of the batteries or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary. The “installation of batteries” is defined as:

“placing the battery cubes on the designated areas, connecting the batteries to an energy supply or commencing the activity of energisation. Installation activities do not include the storage of the battery cubes, nor any pre-installation activities, such as filling of the cooling system”

I note that the commencement of other construction activities associated with the battery energy storage system, including the laying of battery foundation concrete slabs is undertaken at your own risk of potential re-design requirements required by the completed Fire Safety Study.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9998 5387.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue', written in a cursive style.

Stephen O'Donoghue

Director

Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary