

APPENDIX 1 CORRESPONDENCE WITH TRANSGRID

From: <u>Easements&Development</u>

To: <u>Cédric Bergé</u>

Cc: <u>Easements&Development</u>

Subject: 2020-194 - Stubbo Solar Farm - proposed access route via TransGrid"s easement

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2020 11:00:15 AM

Attachments: <u>TransGrid Easement Guidelines.pdf</u>

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Hi Cedric.

TG Reference Number: 2020-194

TG Line: Wollar – Wellington 330KV TL (Feeder 79, Structure Span 122-113)

Proposal: Stubbo Solar Farm - proposed access route via TransGrid's easement

Thank you for your enquiry.

Please see the following comments:

• Technical team comments:

- The customer will need to maintain the condition of the track in to the future. There may also be times where we need to close or modify the track to operate and maintain our assets.
- The track and any other infrastructure will need to comply with the easement guidelines.

Property team comments:

- The Customer will need to consult with the landowner to put in place any requisite property interests. In doing so, they will need to seek our approval and ensure that our usage of the easement is not materially impaired. As an easement holder, TransGrid cannot grant the Customer a property right.
- In order to give approval as abovementioned, we will need to assess the Customer's access track in accordance with TransGrid's easement guidelines. We can only assess this once we have further detail on their intended usage.

Maintenance team comments:

- For any proposed fencing & gates within the easement corridor, these would need to be installed in accordance to *TransGrid Fencing Guidelines* (attached) and would need to give TransGrid access consideration to the easement and structures at the location.

- Provided TransGrid access means does not become impacted or restricted by UPC's use of the easement, we would not expect any issue with the proposal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team.

Kind regards,

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From: Cédric Bergé

Sent: Tuesday, 10 November 2020 10:49 AM

To: Easements&Development < <u>Easements&Development@transgrid.com.au</u>> **Subject:** Stubbo Solar Farm - proposed access route via TransGrid's easement

Dear Sir/Madam,

UPC\AC Renewables Australia is currently developing the Stubbo Solar Farm approx.. 10km north of Gulgong, in the Central West Orana region of NSW. The 400MW large-scale utility project would connect directly to the **existing 330kV line #79** via a new substation located within the project's boundaries. We are currently working with TransGrid on a connection application (FIA stage) and with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on a Development Application (EIS).

As part of the EIS studies, we are assessing the best access options from public roads. The indicative Project Layout map attached to this email shows the 3 options we are assessing ('Access routes under assessment'). One of them is located to the Southeast of our Study Area and would use the existing track within TransGrid's easement of both the 330kV and the 132kV lines. The access traverses Lot 24 in DP 502960 and Lot 68&69 in DP 750765 and connects Blue Springs Road to one of our proposed Substation areas.

The proposed access would consist of:

- An upgraded intersection with Blue Springs Road to accommodate construction traffic, in consultation with Mid-Western Regional Council and TransGrid,
- An upgraded all-weather track (up to 10 metres wide or as required by TransGrid) to the solar farm substation in accordance with TransGrid's requirements (note: TransGrid will be able to access the solar farm substation),
- Potential for gates in accordance with TransGrid's requirements,
- No other solar farm infrastructure would be proposed within the easement, unless specifically required by TransGrid.

UPC understands TransGrid will be consulted as part of the EIS assessment: if we nominated this access in our EIS, the Development Consent would include provision to use this easement. In the meantime, we would like to understand TransGrid's view on using a portion of the easement to access our solar farm and its substation. Can you please confirm. Can you please confirm TransGrid would be happy for UPC to include this proposed access in our EIS?

Please let me know if you need more information about this easement or our proposal.

Kind regards,

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