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Iwan Davies,
Team Leader, Solar
NSW Planning

Dear Iwan,

Re: Urgent Request to work beyond permissible hours this Saturday, February 29 and Sunday March 1 (if needed) at the Bomen Solar Farm

Yesterday prior to our Testing and Commissioning Team commencing HV testing a cable installation defect was detected. Construction team have, as of today, commenced rectification works on the cable.

Once the cables are rectified, the testing and commissioning team will need to test these cables. The testing and commissioning of the high voltage cables is a very specific task that can only be carried out by commissioning engineers.

The testing of the cables also carries extra safety concerns as there is a possibility that if the cable is still faulty when tested, there can be catastrophic failures.

Therefore, for safety reasons, the testing team would prefer to do the actual testing on Saturday afternoon between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. and if needed on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., when there are no other workers on site. The work on the Sunday would only be required if there were any problems with the testing on the Saturday, but we are hopeful that this will not occur, and we will only need to do the testing on the Saturday.

The works would be carried out by four workers within solar farm area and will not require any actual construction works. There will be no noise associated with this testing. The only visible impact would be the occasional driving between the inverter stations.

As such it is unlikely that this activity will even be noticed by neighbours as it will just be a single vehicle being driven occasionally around site. Most Saturdays there is a vehicle driven around site for security purposes and this would be no different.

Given all of the above, we would like to request permission to perform this single testing task – not a construction activity – for these extended hours from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday February 29 and if needed, on Sunday March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I appreciate that this is short notice to request this extension of hours, but the timing of this incident is beyond our control.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

We await your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Justin Coburn

Stakeholder Manager, Beon Energy Solutions