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Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation (Synergy)



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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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**THE PRESIDENT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**THE SPEAKER
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND RETAIL CORPORATION (SYNERGY)

This report has been prepared for submission to Parliament under the provisions of Regulation 31 of the Electricity Corporations (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations).

From 1 July 2023, the recently amended Regulations require the Auditor General to table a report on each audit conducted under the Regulations. Previously, it was the Minister for Energy's responsibility to table the report in Parliament.

Section 5 of the *Auditor General Act 2006* outlines the Auditor General's functions include functions given to the Auditor General under other written laws. This audit, conducted under Part 4 of the Regulations, involved assessing compliance with other segregation obligations relating to the disclosure of restricted information, information technology access controls, training, separate work areas and separation of management roles throughout the period ended 31 December 2022 (Part 2, Division 3 of the Regulations).

This is the first time the report is being tabled in Parliament by the Auditor General under the recently amended Regulations.

CAROLINE SPENCER
AUDITOR GENERAL
9 August 2023



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022

Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation

To the Minister for Energy

ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND RETAIL CORPORATION – COMPLIANCE WITH ELECTRICITY CORPORATIONS (ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND RETAIL CORPORATION) REGULATIONS 2013

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation's (the Corporation) compliance, in all material respects, with Part 2 Division 3 of the Electricity Corporations (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations), throughout the period ended 31 December 2022.

In my opinion, the Corporation has complied, in all material respects, with Part 2 Division 3 of the Electricity Corporations (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) Regulations 2013, throughout the period ended 31 December 2022.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements (ASAE 3100) issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility of Management

Management is responsible for the compliance activity undertaken to meet Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations' requirements. They are also responsible for the identification of risks that threaten the Regulation's requirements not being met, the controls mitigating those risks, and the monitoring of ongoing compliance.

My Independence and Quality Control

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements and apply Auditing Standard ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements in undertaking this assurance engagement.

Auditor General's Responsibilities

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Corporation's compliance, in all material respects, with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations, throughout the period ended 31 December 2022. ASAE 3100 requires that I plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation has complied, in all material respects, with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations, throughout the period ended 31 December 2022.

An assurance engagement to report on the Corporation's compliance with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the compliance activities and controls implemented to meet with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations' requirements. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including the identification and assessment of risks of material non-compliance with the Regulations, as evaluated against the requirements in Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations.

Inherent Limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations' requirements may occur and not be detected.

A reasonable assurance engagement throughout the period ended 31 December 2022 does not provide assurance on whether compliance with Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations' requirements will continue in the future.

Restricted Use

This report has been prepared for use by the intended users for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Corporation's compliance, in all material respects, with the Regulations, as evaluated against the requirements in Part 2 Division 3 of the Regulations, throughout the period ended 31 December 2022. I disclaim any responsibility for any reliance on this report to any person other than the intended users, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Mark Ambrose

Mark Ambrose
Senior Director Financial Audit
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
3 July 2023

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