



Department initiated Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence Number	L8395/2009/2
Licence Holder	Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation T/A Synergy
File Number	DEC268-2
Premises	Pinjar Gas Turbine Power Station 1330 Perry Road PINJAR WA 6065 Legal description – Lot 500 on Plan 59628 Certificate of Title Volume 3158 Folio 926 As defined by the Premises maps attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	24 September 2024
Decision	Revised licence granted

1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make an amendment to licence L8395/2009/2. The amendment is administrative in nature therefore does not alter the risk profile of the premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

This Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

The decision report for the existing licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending the licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at [DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/regulatory-documents).

2.2 Amendment summary

Licence L8395/2009/2 is held by Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation T/A Synergy (licence holder) for the Pinjar Gas Turbine Power Station (the premises), located approximately 50 km north of Perth at 1330 Perry Rd, Pinjar.

The licence relates to the operation of a category 52: Electric power generation premises with an assessed design capacity of 584.5 MWe under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing licence L8395/2009/2. The premises is a peaking power station comprising six Frame 6 gas turbines and three Frame 9 gas turbines. The gas turbines are operated to supply electricity at times of peak demand, in emergency situations and for periodic testing. The primary fuel is natural gas, however units 1 to 5 and 7 can operate on distillate if required. All turbines are operated remotely and controlled by Systems Operation Control Centre in East Perth.

The existing licence is due to expire on 30 September 2024. The department considers that there is insufficient time to complete a licence renewal process therefore initiated an amendment to licence L8395/2009/2 on 16 May 2024. The amendment is limited to extending the licence expiry date, updating reporting requirements to more accurately align with the *Notice of Amendment of Licence Reporting Requirements 2022*, updating of required definitions and removing redundant information and conditions from the licence. No reassessment of risk has been undertaken at this time. The department intends to defer the review and renewal of the premises licence for a period of five years by amending the licence expiry date to 30 September 2029.

3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 16 September 2024. The Licence Holder responded on 19 September 2024 waiving the comment period.

4. Decision

Section 63 of the EP Act prescribes that a licence shall continue in force for such period as is specified in the licence. Licence L8395/2009/2 is due to expire on 30 September 2024. The delegated officer considers it appropriate to extend the licence duration by five years.

In determining to extend the duration of the licence by five years, the following matters were considered by the delegated officer:

- the risk profile of the premises was last considered for the 2018 amendment of the licence and is considered to be low given the separation distance to receptors and the nature and frequency of emissions from the premises;
- the last environmental incident reported for the premises occurred in 2020 and the licence holder has reported that they have complied with all licence conditions within the last five Annual Audit Compliance Reports submitted to the department;
- there have been no changes to activities on the premises;
- an extension to the duration of the licence will not change the current risk profile of the premises, and the risks posed by ongoing emissions from the premises will continue to be subject to the existing licence conditions, including monitoring of air emissions;
- the licence holder has continued access to the premises for the duration of the extension;
- *Guidance Statement: Licence duration* (2016) provides for licences to be issued for a term of up to 20 years with the extension resulting in the term of the current licence being extended from thirteen years to eighteen years; and
- in the event that risk issues arise in relation to the premises, the CEO may:
 - amend the licence conditions at any point; and
 - in the event of an alleged offence, exercise enforcement powers under the provisions of the EP Act.

5. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended licence will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 below provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as a record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Duration	Extended to 30/9/2029
Introduction/Explanatory notes/premises description	Removed, this guidance is available in the department's <i>Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing</i> (June 2019) and does not form part of the licence conditions
Interpretation (1.1.1, 1.1.3 and 1.1.4)	Interpretation updated to current format and conditions which previously formed the interpretation (as noted) have been removed. Section heading updated to 'Definitions' as section is now only relevant to definitions.

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
1.1 Definitions	Definitions for AACR/Approved form, CEO, Act/EP Act, and Licensee/licence holder, updated to current format and definition for department; DWER added. Licensee has been changed to licence holder throughout the licence to align with current terminology.
4.1.2 Persons left in charge to be aware of conditions	Removed as a redundant condition.
4.1.3	Updated condition wording to align with <i>Notice of Amendment of Licence Reporting Requirements 2022</i> as was not updated at last amendment
4.2.1	Update to condition wording to align with <i>Notice of Amendment of Licence Reporting Requirements 2022</i> as was not accurately updated at last amendment