

Respondent No. 1 - Draft Regulations on Rules and Procedure for applying for Licences and Permits

The majority of this document I consider to be industry standard, however see the below items.

27. (1) The award of a network licence allowing a person to transmit, or to transmit, distribute and supply electricity shall be decided by the Minister in accordance with this regulation and with the result of the corresponding procurement process.

While I agree that the Minister should have overall responsibility, or to put it another way, “the buck stops with him”. It should be seen that the decision to award of licence was reached by a cross section of representative or a Board, and rubber stamped by the Minister. (let’s avoid the party-political issue).

ANNEX 2 – Licence Application Form

Section 2, Part 6, 7, 8 & 9

In regards to Licence Application. Are we saying no one entity is allowed to Generate, transmit, distribute and sell electricity to consumers, as it is now?

While that I appreciate that the Minister wishes to introduce a competitive edge to the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity on the island (a 21st century approach). One has to consider the size of our island, its terrain, the ability of our organisations to offer a join-up approach to doing business. We need to avoid heading back to those dark days!

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