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# Operational Update

## Ergon Contestable Works Commencement of Works

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### Target Audience:

Ergon Accredited Service Providers – Contestable Work

### Introduction:

The commencement of contestable works is governed by an existing process documented in the Ergon Energy Developer Handbook - Developer Design and Construct. This process is to ensure all parties involved in the Contestable Works process understand their responsibilities, contracts are in place, and “For Construction” drawings have been accepted by Ergon.

### Developer Handbook Developer Design and Construct (extracts)

#### 6.1.6. Construction works

Site construction works for the Development may only commence following the mandatory pre-start meeting and confirmation that design plans have been reviewed, and confirmed as appropriate, by Ergon Energy. Any site construction works that are carried out before this are in breach of the NCEC and are done at the Developer’s risk.

The Developer is required to ensure that Ergon Energy has an opportunity to inspect site underground conduits and electrical apparatus prior to such infrastructure being buried or otherwise hidden from view.

Ergon Energy may also undertake random audits at any time during the construction phase, without notice to the relevant contractor or Developer, to assess compliance with specifications and the progress of works against nominated milestones. The Developer must ensure that its works are performed to the required standards and timeframes.

Before the Certificate of Completion – Electrical Works (indicating completion of the construction phase of the DD&C Works) can be issued, the Electrical Contractor must complete all relevant pre-commissioning testing of the DD&C Works in accordance with Ergon Energy’s RSC10 UDC Electrical Testing Specification.

Once testing has been completed, and the required results achieved, the Electrical Contractor must give Ergon Energy the applicable certificates and associated documents, which must certify that the DD&C Works have been constructed in accordance with Ergon Energy’s standards and specifications.

Ergon Energy will undertake a final audit after the construction component of the DD&C Works is finished. The Developer will be required to rectify any defects identified during this final audit before a Certificate of Acceptance can be issued.

#### 6.2.6. Contractual arrangements

The Developer must enter into a NCEC with Ergon Energy before undertaking any DD&C Works.

### 6.2.7. Pre-start meeting

The Developer must attend a “pre-start meeting” in accordance with the NCEC and the UDC specifications before the construction stage of the DD&C Works can start.

### Conclusion

This Operational Update is highlighting Ergon Energy’s existing requirements. Should ASP’s or developers fail to comply with these requirements, Ergon Energy will respond in a manner we deem appropriate.

The ASP appointed will be issued with a High-Risk non-conformance requiring a detailed investigation. The outcome of the High-Risk non-conformance may result in the ASP being de-rated, suspended, ASP accreditation being cancelled, or the ASP being put on a probation period.

Other scenarios that may impact the development are:

- Ergon Energy may not accept the proposed installation
- delays in issuing the Certificate of Acceptance and therefore connection of the project.
- Additional works to satisfy Ergon Energy that the works undertaken comply with Ergon Energy’s standards.

All matters must be resolved prior to Ergon Energy issuing the Certificate of Acceptance and proceeding to energisation of the accepted works.

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