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Meeting Silvertown Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee (CCC-035)

Venue Silvertown Municipal Chambers

Time 4.30pm EST

Date 2 December 2021

Chair Kath Elliott (KE)

Attendees

Cynthia Langford (CL), Purnamoota Station	Lachlan Sturt (LS)AGL Community Relations Manager
Helen Murray (HM), Silvertown Village Committee	Gary Cox (GC) AGL Asset Leader
Phillip Blore (PB), Belmont Station	Robert Wilson, local resident

Apologies Peter Price (PP), local resident

Samantha Mar (SM), Asset Performance Analyst, Renewables, AGL

Kevin White (KW), Historic Daydream Mine	Marion Brown (MB) Broken Hill Council
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Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	
1.36.01	<p>Chair opened the Silverton Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.036 (CCC-036).</p> <p>Chair outlined Covid safe measures for all to follow.</p>	All
2	Previous Minutes	
2.36.01	<p>Minutes from Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.035 (CCC-035) were discussed and the CCC were requested to provide any amendments to ensure that they are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	Note
3	Project Update	
3.36.01	<p>GC advised he is taking over from Richard Armstrong. He gave the committee an overview of the wind farm performance, stating that in the first six months of the year it was the best performing windfarm in the National Energy Market (NEM)</p>	Note
3.36.02	<p>Advised that there will be generators replaced due to a defect over the next six months. They would be brought in on trucks. They will be traveling along Daydream Mine Rd in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan.</p>	Note
3.36.03	<p>Advised of the plan by AGL to de-merger and split into two companies. One company will be for generation and the other for retail . The generation company would be known as Accel and the retail company AGL Australia . The Silverton wind farm will remain in the retail arm of the business.</p> <p>The demerger will be voted on by shareholders in June/July 202s. The demerger will require 75% of shareholders to vote for it. If this is not voted for, the company will informally divide into two business units under one banner.</p>	Note
3.36.04	<p>GC advised that the capacity factor of the SWF was one of the best in Australia. AGL is now looking at battery technology.</p> <p>Q. Have you had problems with blades?</p> <p>A. Advised that there had been none in the last six months .</p> <p>Q: How did the roads in the windfarm cope during the wet weather?</p> <p>A: Some of the roads were quite deteriorated, but the maintained roads coped well. Road maintenance underway. The roads did not cause any safety issues.</p> <p>Q. Will the local fire truck be able to use the roads?</p> <p>A. Yes, the roads are fine for the fire truck access.</p>	Note

4.36.01 Community Relations

LS informed the meeting that the solar and water tank programs were now completed .

Helen advised that the Silverton Youth Camp has the wrong meter installed . This was being rectified by Origin.

LS also advised that there is a community electricity plan available to anyone in the catchment area of the windfarm and Broken Hill solar farm (by postcode) and this is available on the AGL website.

- Community Energy Plan: agl.com.au/communityoffer
- The Virtual Power Plant: https://www.agl.com.au/residential/energy/solar-and-batteries/solar-batteries/virtual-power-plant?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI7uWkx7rQ9AIVSTErCh2bXQAbEAAAYASAEgLQZvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Community relations questions

436.02 Q. Does AGL sell batteries.

A. Yes, AGL sells batteries and will pay \$1500 toward the cost of the battery.

- Purchasing Battery and Solar: https://www.agl.com.au/residential/energy/solar-and-batteries/solar-batteries/compare-solar-battery-bundles?cide=sem-r&gclid=EAlaIqobChMI7uWkx7rQ9AIVSTErCh2bXQAbEAAAYASAAEgLu6fD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Q. Is the battery at Broken Hill starting next year?

A. AGL received approval from DPIE recently. The battery will assist in smoothing the electricity supply .

Q. How many megawatts is the battery?

A. 50 megawatts

Q. Is it a Tesla battery?

A. No, it is a Norwegian brand battery.

Q. Could Silverton be provided with a battery to help us in blackouts? Could it be considered for us?

A. A battery in Silverton would not act as a back up battery, however this will be taken on notice.

LS advised that there is a charitable program within AGL called Power to Give which may be able to assist.

<https://www.agl.com.au/thehub/articles/2018/11/agl-supporting-what-matters-most-to-our-people>

Q. Why is there a decrease in the rebate on rooftop solar?

A. The wholesale energy price is coming down and this affects the price . There is also no longer a government subsidy .



5.36.01 Silvertown Community Fund

LS advised that AGL was considering applications to open in February with a decision made by March.

Agreed it should be advertised in the local paper.

AGL to advertise & advise residents and SVC.

6.36.01 Presentation from Mieka White

Mieka White, Communications and Community Relations Officer at RATCH-Australia Corporation Pty Ltd, attended the meeting by telephone. She advised that RATCH has a wind farm blade which they need to dispose of due to its malfunction. She advised that RATCH will have the blade transported to Silvertown if the Silvertown community would like it. The blade will be provided and transported free of charge.

Helen to liaise with Mieka.

Silvertown Village Committee would need to take ownership of the blade and also take out public liability insurance on it.

The blade is 80 metres long.

The hole at the end of the blade would need to be enclosed.

RATCH would need a crane at the Silvertown end to remove the blade from the truck.

JC advised that this was a separate activity from AGL.

Other Business

7.36.01 It was noted that the committee had agreed to two meetings a year. GC advised he wished to connect with the community four times a year.

It was suggested that GC would be very welcome to attend SVC meetings outside the CCC schedule.

KE to provide minutes of committee decision.

8.36.01 Next meeting Thursday, 3 February 2022

Note