## **Delta Electricity – CARE Forum Meeting Notes**

Date: 14 November 2019

#### **ATTENDEES**

Community	Delta Electricity
Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community	Managing Director
Chain Valley Bay Progress Association	Acting Executive Manager Production
Summerland Point Progress Association	Executive Manager Asset
Mannering Park Progress Association	Business Development Manager
Summerland Point Progress Association	Community Relations Officer
Mannering Park Progress Association	Company Secretary
Lake Munmorah Progress Association	Environment Manager
Mannering Park Tidy Towns & Mannering Park Precinct Committee	Chef Operating Officer and Managing Director of Enernet Australia

welcomed all community members and opened the meeting at 4.10pm.

# Industry Update –

Discussed the following details with the members;

- Industry update on NEM wide energy mix 2020 estimate and system volatility; and
- the highs and lows of demand.

# Operational Overview -

## Safety & Health

Advised the members of the following safety details;

- Details regarding recent LTI;
- ongoing improvements in Risk Management;
- employee Safety Breakfast; and
- · respirator fit testing.

#### **Production**

- Unit 5 is in service. YTD availability 74.53%
- Unit 6 is in service. YTD availability 78.59%

#### **Coal Supplies**

- Chain Valley mine mini wall coal.
- Mandalong mine deliveries via conveyor.
- Wyee Rail Unloader deliveries from Mount Owen Mine and Airly Mine.
- Minor volume via trucks.

#### **Trucks**

- Biomass deliveries are still continuing.
- Vales Point Ash Dam

#### Asset Management Update -

#### **Projects**

An overview and update on the planned projects for the power station was shared with the members and details of the works scope for the April 2020 outage.

#### **Environmental Update –**

#### **Community Enquiries**

Outlined the environmental and land management issues which were raised in the last 3 months and confirmed that all community enquiries are investigated, and appropriate responses and actions are provided. Also confirmed the Delta Community Incident Information number (1800 115 277).

Update was provided on the ash dam capping works and the Remedial Action Plan which has been submitted to the EPA. Delta is expecting feedback from the EPA by the end of November. The ash dam will recommencement receiving deliveries for ash dam capping. The Delta procurement team are busy sourcing VENM/ENM material.

Seagrass Offset proposal was submitted to the EPA for review. Initial feedback from both the EPA and OEH has been positive. The offset includes development of an 'Operation Posidonia' style program in Lake Macquarie and also research into development of more heat tolerant Zostera seagrass.

Continuing dust management activities onsite include:

- Daily monitoring of forecast weather conditions
- Water sprays, canons and sprinklers deployed each day and overnight at bottom ash recovery area
- Two water carts available daily for wetting down of roads and stockpiles
- Helicopter water bombing of ash surfaces
- Application of PVA type glue to exposed ash surfaces

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November the EPA carried out an inspection and the inspection area included lisenced discharge points, ash dam, bottom ash recovery area and surrounding buffer areas.

The EPA inspecting officer communicated that he was satisfied Delta is appropriately managing all areas of operations inspected.

#### Project Development -

## **Vales Point Solar Project**

Explained the key facts for the project.

- DA received 25.10.2018 (valid for 5 years).
- PPA signed with Enernet Global (Sept 2019) that includes the project development rights pending NSW Treasury Approval.
- Detailed design for ash dam entrance roadway upgrade under consideration by Council (s138).
- Minor modification DA to include a subdivision element required due to long term lease arrangement and concrete batching plant.
- Module mounting technology to be provided by Alion Energy.

Potential modifications to the Solar Project DA including subdivision of project footprint from existing property and the use of a temporary concrete batch plant during construction were discussed. Delta advised the modifications satisfy section 4.55(1A) or the EP&A Act in that it is substantially the same development as that approved under SSD8533 and there are minimal environmental impacts. There were no further issues raised.

from Enernet Global provided the members with an overview of the company and discussed the next steps in the project.

#### **Darlington Point Solar Farm**

The solar farm is located in south west New South Wales (south of Griffith). Project developed by Edify and currently in construction phase. Delta has PPA contract for 150MW solar electricity, the solar farm is planned to be operational in January 2020.

#### Community Update –

## **Community Sponsorship & Events**

The members were given an update on recent sponsorship activities and projects which Delta Electricity support. Details and photos of the annual School Environment Awards were also shared, along with Landcare sponsorship details.

Delta shared details of a thank you card that was received from a long-term resident at Catherine Hill Bay. The lady was very grateful for the rehabilitation works carried out by Delta.

#### Feedback from Community Groups

- Lake Munmorah Progress Association
  - Construction of the new skateboard park has not commenced due to issues of ownership of the site.

## - Summerland Point Tidy Towns

- Picnic and playground areas have been upgraded and the pathways are due to be installed.
- o New fencing to prevent dirt bikes access to bushland is nearly completed.
- o Graffiti incidents have increased recently.
- o The group have worked approx. 160 hours per month.

# - Summerland Point Progress Association

o Picnic shelter has been constructed in local park.

## Mannering Park Precinct Committee

- o Thanked Delta for answering questions which he recently sent in.
- o Exercise equipment placed at the community hall and foreshore
- Sailing club celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Mannering Park Progress Association

- Group have written to council regarding traffic concerns at the Ruttleys Road and Pacific Hwy.
- The group have sent Council a request for bus shelters in the Mannering Park area.
- Thanked and wished Delta a Merry Christmas.

# Chain Valley Bay Progress Association / Macquarie Shores Village

- Opening of the new playground was a great event.
- o CVB north new picnic tables are being installed shortly.
- Working on the approval for the foreshore footpath.
- o Issue with council and the construction of the walkway on crown land.

Community members were all thanked for their time and wished a Merry Christmas, the meeting was then closed.

Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Meeting notes taken by — Community Relations Officer