

Delta Electricity – CARE Forum Meeting Notes

Date: 20 August 2020

ATTENDEES

Community		Delta Electricity	
██████████	Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community	██████████	Managing Director
██████████	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association	██████████	Executive Manager Production
██████████	Summerland Point Tidy Towns Group	██████████	Executive Manager Asset
██████████	Summerland Point Progress Association	██████████	Business Development Manager
██████████	Summerland Point Progress Association	██████████	Community Relations
██████████ ██████████	Manning Park Precinct Committee	██████████	Company Secretary
		██████████ ██████████	Acting Environment Manager

Meeting was carried out via Microsoft Teams.

All community members were welcomed, and the meeting was opened at 4.05pm.

Industry Update ██████████

An update on recent industry spot prices and details of the Darlington Point solar farm were provided to the group.

- Located near Griffith NSW
- Construction completed; market registered 11 August 2020
- Nearly 2.5 x 6.5km in scale with 829,000 modules
- 275MW AC, currently the largest NEM solar farm
- Commissioning currently underway
- Delta has contracted a long term 150MW share of energy and renewable energy certificate output.

NSW Central West Renewable Energy Zone

- Targeting 3,000MW of renewables by mid 2020s
- Private capital to build wind and solar
- Construction of transmission targeted for 2022
- Electricity Corporation of NSW to be set up to coordinate development
- NSW government will change regulations if necessary, to provide incentives to generators to cover part of the cost of the transmission development

NSW New England Renewable Energy Zone is targeting 8,000MW of renewables by late 2020s.

Large fall in coal prices was discussed and a graph showing actual to July 2020 and a forecast to November 2020. Prices are below production costs for some mines causing many Australian mines to reduce production.

Pandemic Management [REDACTED]

The impacts of COVID-19 have been challenging but the health and wellbeing of staff and contractors remains the primary focus for Delta. The group were advised of the following changes that have been implemented to ensure this.

- Increased cleaning and hygiene measures
- Temperature testing upon entry to site
- Splitting of maintenance teams to create smaller teams.
- Restricted access to workshops and PCR (Plant Control Room)
- Meetings held via video conference (to ensure social distancing)
- Increase hand washing stations throughout the plant
- Access restrictions for individuals from COVID-19 hotspots
- Access to Employee Assistance Program and online resources
- Conducted the annual flu vaccinations clinic earlier than normal
- Management of critical PPE and hygiene supplies
- Specialist cleaning staff to manage any confirmed cases (not used to date!)

Operational Overview [REDACTED]

Safety & Health

Advised the members of the following safety details;

- Details regarding recent LTI;
- ongoing improvements in digital assessment applications;
- outage preparations; and
- COVID-19 Pandemic Management.

Production

- Unit 5 is in service. YTD availability 99.33%
- Unit 6 is in service. YTD availability 99.73%

Coal Supplies

- Chain Valley mine – mini wall coal and are due to commence herringbone mining in August.
- Mandalong mine deliveries via conveyor.
- Minor volume via trucks.

Trucks

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

Asset Management Update [REDACTED]

Projects

An overview and update on the planned projects for the power station was shared. Including details of the condenser retube, HP and LP4 heaters in upcoming outages. The works scope for the August/September 2020 outage was also provided.

Environmental Update [REDACTED]

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).

Weed Management

- Delta continues to actively manage noxious weed growth within the buffer lands.
- A bush regeneration crew from Total Earth Care attend site each week, either targeting newly identified weedy areas or sweeping through already treated areas removing any re-growth.
- Significant works recently completed in an old nursery area adjacent to Simmons Close Wyee Point.

Stormwater Management

- Several extreme wet weather conditions/east coast lows occurring in the first half in 2020.
- Large volumes of stormwater from surrounding catchment have inundated areas around the ash dam, along the Ruttleys Rd and Pacific Highway property boundaries.
- Solar pumps and hard-wired pumps have been installed at low points along the boundary
- Back-up pumping occurring during recent heavy rainfalls to alleviate stormwater impacts on native vegetation.

In July EPA issued Delta with a new EPL. Included in the new EPL is a reduction in Nitrogen Oxides and particulates air emission limits and introduction of a Sulfur dioxide limits.

Project Development [REDACTED]

Vales Point Solar Project

- DA received 25.10.2018 (valid for 5 years).
- PPA signed with Enernet Global that includes the project development rights pending NSW Treasury Approval.
- Enernet ongoing works in progress include:
 - i. Detailed design (with EPC contractor);
 - ii. Grid connection studies and application with Ausgrid and AEMO.
 - iii. Target dates for construction Q4 2020 and energising mid 2022.

- Ash dam entrance roadway upgrade works completed.
- Roadworks to improve the safety of the intersection by providing a dedicated LH turning lane access to ash dam. Utilised ~1000 m³ recycled bottom ash as road base material.
- Works required under Solar Project development consent conditions (SSD8533) with design developed in consultation with Central Coast Council.
- Works completed by local contractor Bolte Civil Pty Ltd (Tuggerah).

Community Update [REDACTED]

Community Sponsorship & Events

The members were given an update on recent sponsorship activities and projects which Delta Electricity support. Including details of the annual Delta University Scholarship and an update on the Delta funded refurbished Starlight Express Room.

Feedback from Community Groups

- [REDACTED] **Summerland Point Progress Association**
 - Local playground has been updated.
 - Tidy Towns have completed allot of garden works around the community.
 - Graffiti has increased recently.
 - New members have joined the Tidy Towns Group.
 - New development at Summerland Point and Gwandalan is going ahead.
- [REDACTED] **Mannering Park Precinct Committee**
 - Group is experiencing issues with maintenance on the foreshore.
 - Sailing Club extension is going ahead and sailing to start back soon.
 - First Aid training scheduled for the Sailing Club and MensShed members.
- [REDACTED] **Chain Valley Bay Progress Association / Macquarie Shores Village**
 - CVB Community Hall has had allot of work completed on it.
 - Walkway near boat ramp has new solar lighting.
 - Community garden at Kingfisher Shores.

Community members were all thanked for their time and the meeting was then closed.

Next Meeting: 13th November 2020

Meeting notes taken by [REDACTED] – Community Relations