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SP AusNet Commits to Operate and Maintain the Victorian Desalination Project's Electricity Line

SP AusNet is pleased to announce that it has entered into a Commitment Deed Poll with the Victorian State Government that will see SP AusNet enter into a 27 year licence for the right to operate and maintain the 88km high voltage alternating current underground transmission line supplying electricity to the Victorian Desalination Plant in Wonthaggi.

The transaction will see SP AusNet pay all of the 27 annual licence charges to the Victorian State Government upfront in a single licence payment of between \$230 - \$250 million dollars in the second half of 2012. In return, SP AusNet will receive from the desalination plant operator, AquaSure, an annual commercial revenue payment to operate the transmission line and maintain the electricity supply to the plant.

The transaction remains subject to final Victorian State Ministerial approval, which is anticipated to be received before February 2012.

SP AusNet owns, operates and maintains the Victorian Transmission Network which consists of 12,800 high voltage towers and 6,800 kilometres of transmission line. Over the last 12 months SP AusNet has also entered into agreements for the connection and provision of services for Origin Energy's 550MW Mortlake gas peaking power station and AGL's 420MW wind farm at Tarrone, both in southwest Victoria.

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