



INFORMATION

Western Power Shenton Park Zone Substation

MAJOR AUGMENTATION PROPOSAL

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) received a major augmentation proposal from Western Power on 10 July 2012 for the establishment of a new zone substation at Shenton Park. This proposal has today been published on the ERA's <u>website</u>.

The Authority is required to determine whether the proposal meets the regulatory test as required under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (Access Code) before Western Power can commit to a major augmentation. The regulatory test is an assessment of whether the proposed work maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West interconnected network after all alternative options are considered.

An augmentation for a covered (regulated) network is an increase in its capability to provide covered services, including through the development, construction, acquisition or commissioning of new network assets.

The Authority will soon publish an issues paper to help interested parties prepare submissions on Western Power's proposal. When the Authority publishes its issues paper, interested parties will be formally invited to make submissions over a 10 business day consultation period. A further notice will be published at this time, specifying the closing date for submissions.

The Access Code requires the Authority to publish its determination within 45 business days of receipt of the proposal, which is 10 September 2012.

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