





24 November 2014

## Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems

### EXTENSION OF REVISION PERIOD AND EXTENSION OF TIME TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has decided to extend the revision period for ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd (ATCO) to submit revisions to its proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS) until 4:00 pm (WST) on Thursday, 27 November 2014. The period for interested parties to make public submissions on the Authority's Draft Decision has, consequently, been extended until 4:00 pm (WST) on Monday, 12 January 2015.

In its notice published on 14 October 2014, the Authority set a revision period of 30 business days for ATCO to submit revisions by 4:00 pm (WST) on Tuesday, 25 November 2014. ATCO has written to the Authority to request an extension of two business days in order for it to address the required amendments set out in the Authority's Draft Decision. ATCO's request provides assurances that it intends to respond fully to all of the Authority's required amendments, and that it will address issues raised in the Authority's Draft Decision regarding insufficient information. This extension is allowed under rule 12 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**).

### PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Authority is required to set a period of at least 20 business days from the end of the revision period stated above for written submissions on the Authority's Draft Decision (Rule 59(5)(c)(iii) of the NGR). In its notice published on 14 October 2014, the Authority set a closing date for public submissions of 4:00 pm (WST) on Tuesday, 23 December 2014. As the Authority has now extended the revision period for ATCO to submit revisions to its proposed revised access arrangement for the GDS, the Authority must extend the public consultation period in order to allow interested parties sufficient time to consider its Draft Decision and ATCO's submission. Given that a 20 business day period would now fall between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Authority has decided to allow more than 20 business days to provide interested parties sufficient time to provide a submission.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Tyson Self, Assistant Director, Gas Access.

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# Notice

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the ERA website. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim. The publication of a submission on the ERA website shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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