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# Draft decision on revisions to the access arrangement for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline

Attachment 1: Access arrangement and services

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## Note

This attachment forms part of the ERA's draft decision on proposed revisions to the access arrangement for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline. It should be read in conjunction with all other parts of the draft decision, which is comprised of the following document and attachments:

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- Attachment 1: Access arrangement and services (this document)
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## Attachment 1. Summary

An access arrangement must, among other things:

- Identify the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates and include a reference to a website that provides a description of the pipeline.
- Describe all the pipeline services that the service provider can reasonably provide and specify the reference services to be offered, and this description and specification of services must be consistent with the service provider's approved reference service proposal.
- State the review submission and revision commencement dates for the access arrangement.

### Pipeline and key dates

GGT identified the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates as the "Goldfields Gas Pipeline" (GGP), with a description of the pipeline available on the APA website.<sup>1</sup>

GGT stated the access arrangement review submission date and revision commencement date as 1 January 2028 and 1 January 2030, respectively.

### Pipeline and reference services

GGT specified a single reference service to be offered under the access arrangement – the "Firm Transportation Service". The service, which is described in Section 2.2 of the proposed access arrangement, is materially consistent with GGT's approved reference service proposal.

A further seven pipeline services are specified as non-reference services that GGT will offer as negotiated services under Section 2.3 of the proposed access arrangement.<sup>2</sup> These services are materially consistent with the services that were identified in GGT's reference service proposal.

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In response to a query from the ERA, GGT confirmed that the stated review submission date of 1 January 2028 is incorrect and should be 1 January 2029. GGT will correct the review submission date in its revised access arrangement proposal.

There has been no material change in circumstances since the ERA's approval of GGT's reference service proposal in June 2023. The ERA received no submissions from interested parties on the requirements for GGT to address key dates and services in the proposed access arrangement. For these reasons and subject to GGT correcting the review submission date, the ERA approves these elements of GGT's access arrangement proposal.

The ERA does consider that GGT can and should improve the description of the pipeline by adding kilometre reference points as part of the information that describes the receipt and delivery points on the pipeline. This information will describe the pipeline in more detail and assist prospective and existing users to understand and verify the charges payable that include a distance based charge.

<sup>1</sup> APA is the parent company for GGT.

APA, 'Goldfields Gas Pipeline' ([online](#)) (accessed Month 2024).

<sup>2</sup> These services include the: Interruptible Service; Firm Parking Service; Firm Loan Service; Interruptible Parking Service; Interruptible Loan Service; In-pipe Trade Service; and Interconnection Service.

### **Summary of required amendments**

- 1.1 GGT should amend the pipeline description to include kilometre reference points for each receipt and delivery point on the pipeline.
- 1.2 GGT must correct the review submission date in Section 1.7 of the proposed access arrangement from 1 January 2028 to 1 January 2029.

## Regulatory requirements

1. Rule 48 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) specifies the required content for an access arrangement, including the need to:
  - Identify the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates and include a reference to a website where a description of the pipeline is.
  - Describe all the pipeline services that the service provider can reasonably provide and specify the reference services to be offered.<sup>3</sup>
  - State the review submission and revision commencement dates for the access arrangement (if there is to be a review submission date).
  - State the expiry date (if there is to be an expiry date).
2. Rules 49 to 52 set out specific provisions for the setting of dates relevant to an access arrangement and the submission of an access arrangement revision proposal:
  - In most cases, an access arrangement must contain a review submission date and a revision commencement date (rule 49).
  - The proposed revision commencement date must be at least 12 months after the proposed review submission date (rule 50).
  - The review submission date may be brought forward to an earlier date if the access arrangement provides for, or the regulator requires an access arrangement to contain, one or more trigger events; and a trigger event occurs (rule 51):
    - Trigger events may consist of any significant circumstance or a combination of circumstances, including for example:
      - A redirection of the flow of natural gas through the pipeline.
      - A competing source of natural gas becomes available to customers served by the pipeline.
      - A significant extension, expansion or interconnection occurs.
3. The service provider must, on or before the review submission date of the access arrangement, submit an access arrangement revision proposal. The proposal must set out the service provider's proposed amendments to the access arrangement for the next access arrangement period and incorporate the proposed amendments in a revised access arrangement (rule 52).

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<sup>3</sup> Extracts of the NGR that are referenced in this document are provided in Appendix 2 for information. The NGR requires that this description and specification be consistent with the ERA's reference service proposal decision (made under rule 47A) for the pipeline unless there has been a material change in circumstances. Where the description and/or specification is different to the ERA's decision, an explanation of the material change in circumstances that necessitated the change must be provided.

## GGT proposal

4. GGT set out details about the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates in Section 1 of the proposed access arrangement. The access arrangement information provides additional commentary as follows:

The GGP [Goldfields Gas Pipeline] is a 1,378 kilometre transmission pipeline that receives natural gas from offshore fields in the north west of Western Australia. Two receipt points of the GGP are located at Yarraloola, and the pipeline extends to Kalgoorlie in the Goldfields-Esperance region. The 47 kilometre Newman Lateral is also part of the GGP.

In June 2023, the Northern Goldfields Interconnect commenced operations and connects to GGP approximately 40 kilometres south of Leinster. The NGI adds a third receipt point to the GGP. The NGI has the potential to add capacity to the GGP. Additional capacity created on the GGP by NGI is treated as covered capacity.

The Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP) is the gas transmission pipeline system defined in Pipeline Licence (PL) 24 issued under the Petroleum Pipelines Act 1969 (WA).

The GGP comprises two notional pipelines, which are the same physical pipeline. During the 2025-29 period, because of the forecast capacity from the NGI, about 61% of the GGP capacity is treated as a scheme pipeline for the purposes of the access regulatory regime of the National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009. The GGP is required to have an access arrangement approved for the (fully regulated or covered) capacity. The remaining uncovered capacity is not regulated by the access regime.

Further information, including information about the Pipeline's regulatory status can be found on the Goldfields Gas Pipeline webpage of the APA Group at [goldfields gas pipeline | APA Group](#).<sup>4</sup>

5. The review submission and revision commencement dates for the GGP access arrangement are stated in Section 1.7 of the proposed access arrangement as 1 January 2028 and 1 January 2030, respectively.
6. The pipeline services that can be offered by GGT are set out in Section 2 of the proposed access arrangement. A summary of these services is provided in Table 1.1.
7. GGT has specified the Firm Transportation Service as the single reference service to be offered under the access arrangement for AA5. All other pipeline services are non-reference services that will be offered as negotiated services under the access arrangement.

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<sup>4</sup> GGT, *Goldfields Gas Pipeline AA5 - Proposed Revised Access Arrangement Information*, 1 January 2024, p. 5.

The webpage link provided by GGT was: APA, 'goldfields gas pipeline' ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).



**Table 1.1: GGT pipeline services for AA5**

Pipeline service	Description
<b>Reference services</b>	
Firm Transportation Service	Transportation from a receipt point to a delivery point. Highest priority service. Available between any receipt point and any delivery point.
<b>Non-reference services</b>	
Interruptible Transportation Service	Transportation from a receipt point to a delivery point. Lower priority service (may not be available on a given day). Available between any receipt point and any delivery point.
Firm Parking Service	Pipeline storage of gas. Highest priority right to store.
Interruptible Parking Service	Pipeline storage of gas. Lower priority service (may not be available on a given day).
Firm Loan Service	Borrowing of gas from pipeline line pack. Highest priority right to borrow.
Interruptible Loan Service	Borrowing of gas from pipeline line pack. Lower priority service (may not be available on a given day).
In-pipe Trade Service	Facilitation of trade of gas between pipeline users.
Interconnection Service	Provision, or facilitation, of interconnection to the pipeline.

Source: GGT, Goldfields Gas Pipeline AA5 - Proposal Overview, 1 January 2024, Table 4-1, pp. 27-28.

## Submissions

8. The ERA received no submissions from interested parties that addressed GGT's information to identify the pipeline, proposed access arrangement dates, and/or reference services.

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### Identification of the pipeline

9. GGT identified the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates as the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP) in Section 1 of the proposed access arrangement. A description of the pipeline is available on the APA Group website.<sup>5</sup>
10. The ERA notes that GGT has amended the general details of the access arrangement to include the following information about the Northern Goldfields Interconnect (NGI):

For the purposes of the National Gas Law, the APA Group-owned Northern Goldfields Interconnect (NGI) was commissioned into service on 1 July 2023. The NGI conveys gas from one point to another, in a single direction – being injected from a connection point in the Dampier-Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) - to the GGP, approximately 40km south of Leinster.<sup>6</sup>

11. GGT updated information about the ownership and management of the pipeline to specify that on 1 November 2023, APA Group acquired Alinta Energy GGT Pty Ltd's share of the GGP, meaning that APA now owns 100 per cent of the GGP. GGT remains the operator of the GGP.
12. While GGT has satisfied the requirements of the NGR to identify the pipeline and provide a reference to a website where a description of the pipeline can be viewed, the ERA considers that the description of the pipeline could be improved.
13. The description of the pipeline on the APA website includes a diagram of the GGP that shows, among other things, details of receipt and delivery points.<sup>7</sup> The ERA considers that it would be beneficial if kilometre reference points are included as part of the receipt and delivery point details. The ERA notes that such information is provided for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.<sup>8</sup>
14. Kilometre reference points for receipt and delivery points on the GGP would assist prospective users in understanding the scale of charges, and allow existing users to verify charges, that are distance (kilometre) based. Under the access arrangement, the reference tariff is comprised of three components, two of which contain a distance-based charge.<sup>9</sup> Given the structure of the reference tariff (which will remain for AA5), the ERA considers that GGT should provide information as part of the pipeline description that describes each receipt and delivery point in terms of a kilometre point on the pipeline.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>5</sup> APA Group is the parent company.

<sup>6</sup> GGT, *Goldfields Gas Pipeline AA5 - Proposed Revised Access Arrangement*, 1 January 2024, section 1.2.

<sup>7</sup> APA, *Goldfields Gas Pipeline (schematic)*, January 2024 ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).

<sup>8</sup> Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, *Description of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline System as at 1 May 2023* ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).

<sup>9</sup> The Capacity Reservation Charge and Throughput Charge each contain a distance based charging component (i.e. "the distance, in pipeline kilometres, from Kilometre Point 0 to the Delivery Point").

<sup>10</sup> The ERA has considered the proposed reference tariff in Draft Decision Attachment 3.

**Required Amendment**

- 1.1 GGT should amend the pipeline description to include kilometre reference points for each receipt and delivery point on the pipeline.

**Access arrangement review and commencement dates**

15. GGT has proposed the following dates for the review and commencement of the next (AA6) access arrangement:
- Review submission date: 1 January 2028.
  - Revision commencement date: 1 January 2030.
16. Based on the revision commencement date of 1 January 2030 for the next access arrangement, the access arrangement for AA5 (and the subject of this current review) will be applicable for five years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2029.
17. In the response to a query from the ERA, GGT confirmed that the review submission date of 1 January 2028 is incorrect and should be 1 January 2029.<sup>11</sup> GGT is required to correct this date in its revised proposal in response to the ERA's draft decision.
18. The NGR requires that GGT state the review submission and revision commencement dates for the access arrangement. GGT has satisfied these requirements in Section 1.7 of the proposed access arrangement. Noting that there were no submissions that disagreed with GGT's proposed dates, and subject to GGT correcting the review submission date, the ERA approves the review submission and revision commencement dates as set out in the proposed access arrangement.

**Required Amendment**

- 1.2 GGT must correct the review submission date in Section 1.7 of the proposed access arrangement from 1 January 2028 to 1 January 2029.

**Reference services*****Reference service proposal***

19. The NGR requires the service provider to submit a reference service proposal to the ERA 12 months before submitting an access arrangement proposal.<sup>12</sup> The reference service proposal is focused on identifying the full range of pipeline services that can be offered by means of the pipeline and determining which of these services should be specified as a reference service under the access arrangement. A "reference service" is a pipeline service that has a reference tariff that is set (approved) by the regulator

<sup>11</sup> GGT, *Response to ERA information request ERA10*, 23 May 2024.

Based on a review submission date of 1 January 2029, GGT must submit its Reference Service Proposal for AA6 by 1 January 2028.

<sup>12</sup> NGR, rule 47A(3).

under the access arrangement framework, with the reference tariff being the price that a pipeline operator can charge its customers.

20. GGT submitted its reference service proposal to the ERA on 21 December 2022.<sup>13</sup> On 21 June 2023, following a period of public consultation, the ERA approved GGT's proposal.<sup>14</sup>

### ***Access arrangement proposal***

21. The pipeline services set out in Section 2 of GGT's proposed access arrangement for AA5 are materially consistent with GGT's approved reference service proposal.<sup>15</sup>
22. There has been no material change in circumstances since the ERA's approval of GGT's reference service proposal in June 2023, and the ERA received no submissions on the services set out in GGT's access arrangement proposal. For these reasons, the ERA approves the Firm Transportation Service as the single reference service to be provided by GGT under the access arrangement for AA5. All other pipeline services are non-reference services and will be provided as negotiated services under the access arrangement.
23. The ERA notes that:
- Details concerning the terms and conditions for the Firm Transportation Service are set out in the Section 2.2 and Schedule D of the proposed access arrangement.
  - Details concerning the tariff for the Firm Transportation Service are set out in Section 4 and Schedule A of the proposed access arrangement.
24. The ERA has considered GGT's proposed terms and conditions for the Firm Transportation Service, and the associated reference tariff, in separate draft decision attachments.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> GGT, *Reference Service Proposal*, 21 December 2022 ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).

<sup>14</sup> ERA, *Reference service proposal decision: Proposed reference services for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline submitted by Goldfields Gas Transmission*, 21 June 2023 ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).

<sup>15</sup> GGT has renamed its reference service as the Firm Transportation Service (it was previously called the Firm Service in GGT's reference service proposal).

<sup>16</sup> See Draft Decision Attachment 9 and Attachment 3, respectively.

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## Appendix 2 National Gas Rules

The National Gas Law (NGL) and National Gas Rules (NGR), as enacted by the *National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008*, establish the legislative framework for the independent regulation of certain gas pipelines in Australia. The *National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009* implements a modified version of the NGL and NGR in Western Australia.

The legislative framework for the regulation of gas pipelines includes a central objective, being the national gas objective, which is:

... to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, natural gas services for the long term interests of consumers of natural gas with respect to—

- (a) price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of natural gas; and
- (b) the achievement of targets set by a participating jurisdiction—
  - (i) for reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions; or
  - (ii) that are likely to contribute to reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions.

**Note—**

The AEMC must publish targets in a targets statement: see section 72A.<sup>17</sup>

The following extracts of the NGR, as they apply in Western Australia, are provided for information to assist readers.

**47A Reference services**

- (1) A service provider in respect of a full regulation pipeline must, whenever required to do so under subrule (3), submit to the [ERA] a reference service proposal in respect of a forthcoming full access arrangement proposal that:
  - (a) identifies the pipeline and includes a reference to a website at which a description of the pipeline can be inspected;
  - (b) sets out a list of all the pipeline services that the service provider can reasonably provide on the pipeline and a description of those pipeline services having regard to the characteristics in subrule (2);
  - (c) from the list referred to in subrule (1)(b), identifies at least one of those pipeline services that the service provider proposes to specify as reference services having regard to the reference service factors including any supporting information required by the [ERA]; and
  - (d) if the service provider has engaged with pipeline users and end users in developing its reference service proposal, describes any feedback received from those users about which pipeline services should be specified as reference services.
- (2) A pipeline service is to be treated as distinct from another pipeline service having regard to the characteristics of different pipeline services, including:
  - (a) the service type (for example, forward haul, backhaul, connection, park and loan);

<sup>17</sup> NGL, section 23.

The national gas objective has changed since the last review of GGT’s access arrangement. The amended objective came into effect in Western Australia on 25 January 2024. See: *Western Australian Government Gazette 24 January 2024 No.8* ([online](#)) (accessed July 2024).

- (b) the priority of the service relative to other pipeline services of the same type; and
  - (c) the receipt and delivery points.
- (3) A service provider in respect of a full regulation pipeline must submit a reference service proposal to the [ERA]:
  - (a) no later than 12 months prior to the review submission date for the access arrangement; or
  - (b) if no access arrangement applies, in accordance with rule 46.
- (4) If the [ERA] considers that the reference service proposal does not comply, in any respect, with a requirement of the Rules, the [ERA] may notify the service provider that it requires resubmission of the reference service proposal, and in doing so, must:
  - (a) state why, and in what respects, the [ERA] considers the reference service proposal to be non-compliant; and
  - (b) state a date by which the service provider is required to resubmit the amended reference service proposal.
- (5) If a service provider fails to submit a reference service proposal where required to do so under these Rules by the date that is 11 months prior to the review submission date, the [ERA] must itself propose a reference service proposal for the relevant pipeline.
- (6) As soon as practicable after:
  - (a) receiving a reference service proposal from the service provider under subrule (3) that the [ERA] does not consider needs resubmission under subrule (4);
  - (b) receiving the resubmitted reference service proposal under subrule (4); or
  - (c) proposing a reference service proposal under subrule (5), the [ERA] must publish:
    - (d) the reference service proposal; and
    - (e) an invitation for written submissions on the reference service proposal (which must be for a period of at least 15 business days after the publication of the reference service proposal).
- (7) Any person may make written submissions to the [ERA] on the reference service proposal, or the issues within the proposal including, without limitation, whether the reference service proposal should specify other services as reference services.
- (8) Following receipt of submissions under subrule (7), the [ERA] may, at its discretion, undertake further consultation on the reference service proposal.
- (9) No later than 6 months prior to the review submission date for the access arrangement, the [ERA] must make a reference service proposal decision and give a copy of the decision to the service provider and publish its decision, together with its reasons for the decision, on its website.
- (10) A reference service proposal decision is a decision to approve, or to refuse to approve, a reference service proposal.
- (11) If, in a reference service proposal decision, the [ERA] refuses to approve a reference service proposal the [ERA] must revise the reference service proposal having regard to:
  - (a) the matters that these rules require a reference service proposal to include; and



- (b) the service provider's reference service proposal; and
  - (c) the [ERA's] reasons for refusing to approve that proposal, and give a copy of the revised reference service proposal to the service provider and publish the revised reference service proposal on its website.
- (12) If the [ERA] publishes a revised reference service proposal under subrule (11) it must as soon as practicable after publishing the revised proposal make a reference service proposal decision to give effect to the revised reference service proposal.
- (13) In making its reference service proposal decision, the [ERA] must have regard to:
- (a) the reference service factors;
  - (b) submissions made in response to its invitation under subrule (7) (within the time allowed in the invitation);
  - (c) where applicable, any feedback the service provider has received from pipeline users and end users, as described in accordance with subrule (1)(d); and
  - (d) any other matters the [ERA] considers relevant.
- (14) In deciding whether or not a pipeline service should be specified as a reference service, the [ERA] must have regard to the reference service factors.
- (15) The reference service factors are:
- (a) actual and forecast demand for the pipeline service and the number of prospective users of the service;
  - (b) the extent to which the pipeline service is substitutable with another pipeline service to be specified as a reference service;
  - (c) the feasibility of allocating costs to the pipeline service;
  - (d) the usefulness of specifying the pipeline service as a reference service in supporting access negotiations and dispute resolution for other pipeline services, such that:
    - (i) reference services serve as a point of reference from which pipeline services that are not reference services can be assessed by a user or prospective user for the purpose of negotiating access to those other pipeline services;
    - (ii) a reference tariff serves as a benchmark for the price of pipeline services that are not reference services; and
    - (iii) reference service terms and conditions serve as a benchmark for the terms and conditions of pipeline services that are not reference services;
  - (e) the likely regulatory cost for all parties (including the [ERA], users, prospective users and the service provider) in specifying the pipeline service as a reference service.

**48 Requirements for full access arrangement (and full access arrangement proposal).**

- (1) A full access arrangement must:
- (a) identify the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates and include a reference to a website at which a description of the pipeline can be inspected; and

- (b) describe all of the pipeline services that the service provider can reasonably provide on the pipeline, which must be consistent with the [ERA's] reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, unless there has been a material change in circumstances; and
- (c) specify the reference services, which must be consistent with the [ERA's] reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, unless there has been a material change in circumstances; and
- (c1) if the information provided under subrules (1)(b) or (1)(c) is different to the [ERA's] reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, describe the material change in circumstances that necessitated the change having regard to the reference service factors; and
- (d) specify for each reference service:
  - (i) the reference tariff; and
  - (ii) the other terms and conditions on which each reference service will be provided; and
- (e) if the access arrangement is to contain queuing requirements – set out the queuing requirements; and

Note:

Queuing requirements are necessary if the access arrangement is for a transmission pipeline but, if the pipeline is a distribution pipeline, queuing requirements are not necessary unless the [ERA] has given prior notification of the need to include queuing requirements (See rule 103).

- (f) set out the capacity trading requirements; and
- (g) set out the extension and expansion requirements; and
- (h) state the terms and conditions for changing receipt and delivery points; and
- (i) if there is to be a review submission date – state the review submission date and the revision commencement date; and

Note:

A full access arrangement must contain a review submission date and a revision commencement date unless it is a voluntary access arrangement – See rule 49.

- (j) if there is to be an expiry date – state the expiry date.

Note:

A full access arrangement may contain an expiry date if it is a voluntary access arrangement (but not otherwise) – See rule 49.

- (2) This rule extends to an access arrangement proposal consisting of a proposed full access arrangement.

#### **49 Review submission, revision commencement and expiry dates**

- (1) A full access arrangement (other than a voluntary access arrangement):
  - (a) must contain a review submission date and a revision commencement date; and
  - (b) must not contain an expiry date.

- (2) An access arrangement to which this subrule applies:
  - (a) may contain a review submission date or both a review submission date and an expiry date; and
  - (b) must, if it contains a review submission date, contain a revision commencement date; and
  - (c) must, if it contains no review submission date, contain an expiry date.
- (3) Subrule (2) applies to:
  - (a) a full access arrangement that is a voluntary access arrangement; and
  - (b) a limited access arrangement for a light regulation pipeline.

## **50 Review of access arrangements**

- (1) A service provider, as part of an access arrangement proposal for a full access arrangement (other than a voluntary access arrangement), must propose a review submission date and a revision commencement date. The proposed revision commencement date must be not less than 12 months after the proposed review submission date.
- (2) The [ERA] must approve the dates proposed by the service provider under subrule (1) if it is satisfied that those dates are consistent with the national gas objective and the revenue and pricing principles and if the proposed revision commencement date is not less than 12 months after the proposed review submission date.
- (3) If the [ERA] does not approve the dates proposed by the service provider for the review submission date or the revision commencement date (as the case may be), because it considers those dates are not consistent with the national gas objective and the revenue and pricing principles, the [ERA] must fix an alternative review submission date or revision commencement date (as the case may be).

## **51 Acceleration of review submission date**

- (1) The review submission date fixed in an access arrangement advances to an earlier date if:
  - (a) the access arrangement provides for acceleration of the review submission date on the occurrence of a trigger event; and
  - (b) the trigger event occurs; and
  - (c) the review submission date determined, in accordance with the access arrangement, by reference to the trigger event, is earlier than the fixed date.
- (2) A trigger event may consist of any significant circumstance or conjunction of circumstances.  
Examples:
  - 1 A re-direction of the flow of natural gas through the pipeline.
  - 2 A competing source of natural gas becomes available to customers served by the pipeline.
  - 3 A significant extension, expansion or interconnection occurs.
- (3) The [ERA] may require the inclusion in an access arrangement of trigger events and may specify the nature of the trigger events to be included.

**52 Access arrangement revision proposal**

- (1) A service provider must, on or before the review submission date of an applicable access arrangement, submit an access arrangement revision proposal to the [ERA].

Note:

This subrule is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Gas (South Australian) Regulations. See clause 6 and Schedule 3 of the National Gas (South Australian) Regulations.

- (2) The access arrangement revision proposal must:
- (a) set out the amendments to the access arrangement that the service provider proposes for the ensuing access arrangement period; and
  - (b) incorporate the text of the access arrangement in the revised form.
- (3) The [ERA] may extend the period for submitting an access arrangement revision proposal under this rule, but the period (or aggregate period) of extension cannot exceed 2 months.