

## NOTICE

### ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MODEL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT AND COMMUNICATION RULES UNDER THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY METERING CODE 2005

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) advises that on 4 January 2006 Western Power Corporation (Western Power) submitted a proposed model service level agreement and communications rules to the Authority for approval, pursuant to the requirements of Part 6 of the *Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005* (Metering Code).

The model service level agreement specifies the metering services Western Power provides to Metering Code participants on request and provides a detailed description of these services. Metering Code participants include the network operator, retailers, generators, metering data agents, users that have network access contracts, the IMO and the Authority. The communication rules establish the methods and protocols framework through which the communication of information and data between the network operator and a Metering Code participant will occur. These communication rules must be compatible with "communication rules" approved for the network under the *Electricity Industry Customer Transfer Code 2004*.

The Authority is now assessing Western Power's proposed model service level agreement and communication rules in accordance with the criteria set out in the Metering Code. The Authority is also assessing reports provided by Western Power on consultation with Metering Code participants that occurred during the development of the two documents.

The proposed model service level agreement, communication rules and accompanying reports are available on the Authority's website at:

<http://www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/meteringCode.cfm>.

Clause 6.13 of the Metering Code requires that the Authority make a decision within 30 business days from the lodgement of these documents. The Authority therefore anticipates a decision will be issued by 16 February 2006, although there is provision for this time limit to be extended if the Authority determines a longer period of time is essential for due consideration to be given to the relevant matters.

While the Authority is time constrained in considering these documents, anyone wishing to comment may do so within the time available. However, as the proposed model service level agreement and communication rules deal with detailed metering protocols between retailers of electricity and the operator of the networks business, the Authority anticipates these documents would be of most relevance to current and prospective electricity retailing businesses.

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