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# **NOTICE**

### PUBLICATION OF ISSUES PAPER

# ACCESS ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED BY WESTERN POWER FOR THE SOUTH WEST INTERCONNECTED **NETWORK**

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has published an issues paper to assist interested parties in making submissions on the proposed Access Arrangement and access arrangement information submitted by Western Power Corporation (Western Power) for its South West Interconnected Network (SWIN) in the South West Interconnected System.

The Authority has also published four reports prepared by consultants:

- a report from Network Advisory Services on "Service Standards for Western Power Corporation's South West Interconnected System":
- a comparative table prepared by Talbot Olivier identifying differences between the applications and queuing policy proposed by Western Power and the model policy in Appendix 2 to the Access Code;
- a comparative table prepared by Talbot Olivier identifying differences between the capital contributions policy proposed by Western Power and the model capital contributions policy in Appendix 4 to the Access Code; and
- a comparative table prepared by Talbot Olivier identifying differences between the standard access contract proposed by Western Power and the model standard access contract in Appendix 3 to the Access Code.

The issues paper and four consultant reports are available from the Authority's website: http://www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/consultationPapers.cfm.

#### **Public submissions**

Interested parties are reminded that submissions on Western Power's proposed Access Arrangement and access arrangement information must be received by 4:00pm WST, Thursday 13 October 2005.

Parties wishing to make submissions should be aware that the Access Code imposes a demanding timeframe for the assessment of a proposed access arrangement, and limits the Authority's ability to grant extensions to stages in the assessment process.

Printed copies of the issues paper are available directly from the Authority for \$10.00 per set. Requests for the document can be made at the address below.

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and should be directed to:

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#### Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the Access Code shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has formed an opinion as to whether or not any particular submission contains any information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise from the Authority in these circumstances.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of section 14.14 of the Access Code.

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