

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

ISSUES PAPER TO ASSIST WITH PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MID-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd submitted proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems on 31 March 2004. This is to notify interested parties that the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has prepared an Issues Paper on the proposed revisions to assist interested parties with the preparation of submissions.

While the Issues Paper identifies a number of matters likely to be of relevance in considering the proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement, this list of matters for consideration is not intended to be exhaustive.

Available Documentation

The Issues Paper and proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information may be downloaded from the ERA website (www.era.wa.gov.au). Printed copies of the documentation are available directly from the Authority for \$25.00 per set. Requests for the document can be made to:

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Invitation to Comment

Submissions on the proposed Access Arrangement are invited from all interested parties. These submissions addressed to Mr Peter Rixson at the above address should be in both written and electronic format and must be received by 4:00pm Friday 14 May 2004 Western Standard Time.

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the ERA website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (**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.

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. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of sections 7.11 to 7.14 of the Code.

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On behalf of CHAIRMAN

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