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NOTICE

The Western Australian Independent Gas Pipelines Access Regulator today issued his Final Decision under the *Gas Pipelines Access (Western Australia) Act 1998*, incorporating the Gas Code, on the proposed Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (“**DBNGP**”).

The DBNGP is owned and operated by Epic Energy (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd and comprises a gas transmission system consisting of a main pipeline from Dampier in the north west of Western Australia to Bunbury in the south west of Western Australia and associated compressor facilities, mainline valves, lateral pipelines, delivery stations, metering stations, operating and communication facilities and odouring facilities.

In making his decision, the Regulator had regard to the reasons of the Full Court of the Supreme Court in its review of the Draft Decision and the effects of these reasons on matters identified in the Draft Decision as being the reasons for requiring amendments to the proposed Access Arrangement. The Regulator also received written and oral submissions from interested parties following the Court decision and exercised his statutory powers to obtain further information from certain parties in light of the reasons identified in the Court decision.

The Regulator’s Final Decision was to not approve the proposed Access Arrangement on the basis that it does not comply with the requirements of the Code. A summary of the key findings in the decision is available on the OffGAR web site www.offgar.gov.au.

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