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NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT AN ACCESS ARRANGEMENT AND TO COMPLY WITH RING FENCING PROVISIONS: GRIFFIN PIPELINE (LICENCE NUMBER WA: PL19)

This is to advise that Boral Energy Resources Ltd on behalf of SAGASCO South East Inc (SAGASCO) as operator of the Tubridgi L9 Production Joint Venture (TJV) has requested a further extension of time to submit an Access Arrangement and comply with ring fencing provisions for the Griffin Pipeline (WA: PL19).

Following an application to the National Competition Council (NCC) by SAGASCO for revocation of coverage of the Tubridgi Pipeline (WA: PL16) by the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (the Code), the Western Australian Minister for Energy, Resources Development and Education (the Minister), has decided that coverage should not be revoked.

In response to earlier applications by SAGASCO, I granted an extension of time for the lodgment of the Griffin Pipeline Access Arrangement to 3 September 1999. This extension of time was granted after considering comments from interested third parties.

The Tubridgi Pipeline System comprises two pipelines: the Griffin Pipeline (WA: PL19) and the Tubridgi Pipeline (WA: PL16). SAGASCO has advised that as coverage of the Tubridgi Pipeline (WA: PL16) is not revoked, the TJV wishes to lodge an Access Arrangement for the combined Tubridgi Pipeline System, rather than separate Access Arrangements for the Tubridgi Pipeline and the Griffin Pipeline.

The extension of time that I have already granted for lodgment of the Tubridgi Pipeline Access Arrangement requires that an Access Arrangement be lodged by 21 October 1999. The TJV considers that an extension of time for the submission of the Griffin Pipeline Access Arrangement is necessary and will provide sufficient time for SAGASCO to lodge a joint Access Arrangement for both pipelines.

Being satisfied that a further extension of time will minimise regulatory compliance costs, a further extension of time has been granted to SAGASCO to a date no later than 21 October 1999 to lodge an Access Arrangement for the Tubridgi Pipeline System (WA: PL 16 and WA: PL 19).

A further extension of time is also granted to SAGASCO until 21 January 2000 to comply with the ring fencing requirements of the Code for the Griffin Pipeline.



The granting of these extensions of time is in accordance with section 7.19 of the Code.

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