



Western Australia

# *Economic Regulation Authority*

## **NOTICE**

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

#### **REVISED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MID-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

Section 2.44 of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (Code) makes provision for the assessment period of proposed revisions to an Access Arrangement for a gas pipeline to be increased by periods of up to two months on one or more occasions.

AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd submitted its proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems on 31 March 2004 for approval by the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority). Section 2.43 of the Code requires the Authority to issue a Final Decision within 6 months of the receipt of a proposed revised Access Arrangement. The Authority has previously extended the date for approving the revisions to the Access Arrangement for these gas distribution systems to 31 March 2005.

The Authority issued its Draft Decision on 28 February 2005 and called for submissions. The submission period closed on 21 March 2005 and the Authority is currently considering the submissions received. Public versions of the submissions (containing non-confidential information) have been posted on the Authority's website [www.era.wa.gov.au](http://www.era.wa.gov.au).

This Notice is to advise that the Authority has extended the assessment period for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems Access Arrangement by a further two months until 31 May 2005. This extension is granted pursuant to section 2.44 of the Code.

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