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Re: Proposed Tariffs for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline

Information Systems Consultants is a privately owned organization that provides software development services to Epic Energy. These services are used in the construction, operation and maintenance of Epic's pipeline assets including the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.

We read with interest the draft decision and the comments that have followed its release, especially comments relating to the potential consequences that the draft decision, if implemented, is likely to have on not just Epic Energy but the wider business, investment and general community.

Epic Energy has stated that the draft decision, if implemented, would place the company in severe financial distress. As a result, it could have the effect of reducing Epic Energy's ability to continue its maintenance and capital program. This will have a considerable impact on our business.

Whilst we have a vested interest in making this submission,, we believe that the widespread impact of such a decision must be taken into consideration when assessing the allowable tariffs. We support Epic Energy's stance on this matter and urge you to reconsider the content of your draft decision when making the final ruling.

Yours sincerely



Damian Wildie
Director