

NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME

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

This is to advise that the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has extended the assessment period for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems Access Arrangement by a further two months until 30 September 2005.

A requirement of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code)* is that the assessment period for proposed revisions to an Access Arrangement needs to be extended by periods of up to two months after an initial period of six months has elapsed.

AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd (AGN) submitted its proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems for approval by the Authority on 31 March 2004. The Authority issued its Final Decision on 12 July 2005 on the revisions proposed by AGN and required AGN to resubmit these revisions by 27 July 2005. It is anticipated that the Further Final Decision and Final Approval will be issued in August 2005.

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