

NOTICE

Our Ref: 1048/99

EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS BEHARRA SPRINGS, TUBRIDGI AND GRIFFIN PIPELINES

This is to notify that extensions of time have been granted to submit proposed Access Arrangements in respect of the Beharra Springs Pipeline (Pipeline Licence WA:PL18), the Tubridgi Pipeline (Pipeline Licence WA:PL16) and the Griffin Pipeline (Pipeline Licence WA:PL19) as detailed below.

The decision to grant extensions of time for these pipelines is in accordance with section 7.19 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (the Code).

Beharra Springs and Tubridgi Pipelines

The purpose of the extensions of time for the Beharra Springs and Tubridgi Pipelines is to allow the pipeline service providers to make application to the National Competition Council (NCC) to have coverage from the Code revoked for these pipelines. The service providers of these pipelines have indicated that they intend lodging applications with the NCC for revocation of coverage by no later than Monday 17 May 1999.

On this basis and as provided for by section 7.19 of the Code, I have granted a 158-day extension of time to submit Access Arrangements for these pipelines. This 158 days comprises:

- 98 days for the NCC to consider and make its recommendation to the relevant Minister and for this Minister to consider and make a decision; and
- 60 days for the pipeline service provider to complete any necessary Access Arrangements in the event that revocation is not granted for any one or more of the pipelines involved.

These extensions of time apply from the date on which applications for revocation of coverage for these pipelines are lodged with the NCC. However, the granting of these extensions will cease to have any further effect if the service providers involved fail to lodge the applications for revocation of coverage with the NCC by close of business on Monday 17 May 1999.

Griffin Pipeline

In regard to the Griffin Pipeline, SAGASCO South East Inc as operator of the pipeline has sought a 90-day extension of time until 8 August 1999 to allow sufficient time for it to complete the required documents associated with the Access Arrangement for this pipeline.

To enable me to be better informed of the needs of third party users of gas pipeline services for the Griffin Pipeline, I have granted an interim 30-day extension before giving further consideration to the SAGASCO application.

Submissions are therefore invited from interested parties on any matters that may be relevant in relation to my consideration of the application for the extension of time for the Griffin pipeline.

Submissions must be addressed to:

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Or Faxed to (08) 9268 2444

By no later than 4:00 pm Thursday 27 May 1999.

KEN MICHAEL
ACTING GAS ACCESS REGULATOR
7 May 1999