



Western Australia

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

Proposed Revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline

It has come to the attention of the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) that the Authority's notice of 27 January 2005 specifying the time for receipt of submissions on the Proposed Revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (**DBNGP**) may not comply strictly with the terms of sections 2.31(b) and 2.43(a) of the Code and the method of calculating time periods in the Appendix to Schedule 1 of the *Gas Pipelines Access (Western Australia) Act 1998*.

To avoid any potential difficulty in the assessment process and future decisions of the Authority which might result in substantial delay, inconvenience and expense to all interested parties, the Authority has decided to issue a new notice under section 2.31(b).

Proposed Revisions

On 21 January 2005 the Authority received from DBNGP (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd (**DBNGPT**) proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information for the DBNGP.

The DBNGP consists of the gas pipeline system as described by Western Australian pipeline licences WA: PL 40, WA: PL 41 and WA: PL 47. The pipeline system links gas suppliers in the north-west of Western Australia with markets principally in the south-west of the state.

The DBNGP is operated by DBNGP (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd and is owned by DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for the DBNGP WA Pipeline Trust.

Invitation to Comment

Pursuant to section 2.31 of the Code, the Authority invites submissions from interested parties on the documents provided to the Authority by DBNGPT related to the proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement. These documents are available on the Authority's website showing the changes proposed by DBNGPT to its existing Access Arrangement.

Submissions made to the Authority will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website unless confidentiality is claimed. Parts of the submission in relation to which confidentiality is claimed should be clearly marked. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of sections 7.11 to 7.14 of the Code.

Submissions must be received by the Authority by **14 March 2005 by 4pm (Western Standard Time)**. In view of the additional time afforded to interested parties by the earlier notice, submissions are encouraged to be provided as early as possible and further extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Available Documentation

To assist interested parties, an Issues Paper has also been placed on the Authority's website identifying matters upon which the Authority seeks submissions.

The proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information may be downloaded from the Authority's website (www.era.wa.gov.au). Printed copies of the documentation are available directly from the Authority for \$25.00 per set. Requests for the document can be made to:

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