

## NOTICE

### **New Facilities Investment Test for Western Power's 66/11 kV Medical Centre Zone Substation**

#### **INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Economic Regulation Authority invites submissions on Western Power's application for a new facilities investment test, submitted under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*, for the expansion of its 66/11 kV medical centre zone substation at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

#### **ISSUES PAPER**

In response to Western Power's application, which was received in August, the Authority has released an [issues paper](#) to help interested parties prepare submissions.

The issues paper and Western Power's application are available on the Authority's [web site](#).

#### **INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION**

Interested parties are invited to make submissions by 4pm (WST) Monday, 13 October 2008. Following the receipt of submissions, the Authority will prepare a determination.

Printed submissions should be sent to:

66/11 kV Medical Centre New Facilities Investment Test  
Electricity Access  
Economic Regulation Authority  
PO Box 8469  
Perth BC WA 6849

Electronic submissions can be emailed to [medicalcentrenfit@era.wa.gov.au](mailto:medicalcentrenfit@era.wa.gov.au)

In general, all submissions will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made.

The receipt and publication of any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or in part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority in these circumstances.

## **NEW FACILITIES INVESTMENT TEST**

“New facilities investment” is the capital cost of developing, constructing and acquiring a new facility to enable the utility to provide covered services.

The new facilities investment test determines whether, or to what extent, investment associated with a new facility can be added (rolled in) to the capital base of a covered (regulated) network and recovered through network tariffs.

Under the Access Code, a service provider may at any time apply to the Authority to conduct a new facilities investment test in relation to actual or forecast new facilities investment. On receiving an application, the Authority must make and publish a determination within a reasonable time after having consulted with the public.

On 15 April 2008, the Authority determined that Western Power’s proposal for a 66/11 kV medial centre zone substation expansion and voltage conversion of the distribution network satisfied the requirements to have the application of the regulatory test waived. The “regulatory test” is an assessment, which precedes the new facilities investment test, of whether the proposed augmentation maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West Interconnected Network after alternative options have been considered.

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