

NOTICE

Deadline Suspended for Draft Decision on Western Power's Proposed Access Arrangement Revisions

The Economic Regulation Authority today suspended the deadline for the issue of its draft decision on Western Power's proposed revisions to the access arrangement for the South West Interconnected Network to allow the Authority to receive further information.

The Authority has issued Western Power with a notice, under section 51 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*, to provide specified information and/or documents to help it assess the utility's proposed access arrangement revisions.

The information sought relates to the test under section 6.51A of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (Access Code) for adding new facilities investment to the capital base. In particular, the Authority requires Western Power to provide information or documents to support claims that actual new facilities investment during the first access arrangement period satisfies the test under section 6.51A of the Access Code, and that forecast new facilities investment for the second access arrangement period is reasonably expected to satisfy the test.

In the absence of this information, the Authority is unable to make an informed decision regarding the regulated capital base and regulated network tariffs. The Authority considers the suspension, under section 4.68 the Access Code, necessary for due consideration of all matters relevant to the draft decision.

The Authority has asked Western Power to provide the information by 4:00 pm WST, 9 March 2009.

The Authority will publish a further notice when it restarts the deadline.

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