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Invitation for Public Submissions

WESTERN POWER'S MID-WEST ENERGY PROJECT (SOUTHERN SECTION)

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on Western Power's proposed Mid-West Energy Project (Southern Section); a major augmentation that has been submitted to the Authority under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**) for a determination on whether it satisfies the Regulatory Test. The proposed augmentation involves the construction of a 330 kV transmission line from Neerabup to Karara Mining Ltd's iron ore mine site via Eneabba and the interconnection of the existing 132 kV Three Springs substation with a new 330 kV Three Springs Terminal.

The Regulatory Test is an assessment of whether a proposed major augmentation maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in Western Power's covered network and any interconnected system, after considering alternative options.

Issues Paper

The Authority has prepared an [issues paper](#) to assist interested parties prepare submissions. This paper is not intended to be an exhaustive review of Western Power's major augmentation proposal at this point in time, or the matters that the Authority will address when making its decision on the application.

The issues paper and Western Power's proposal are available on the ERA's [website](#).

Invitation to make a submission

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form on Western Power's major augmentation proposal for the proposed Mid-West Energy Project (Southern Section) by **4:00 pm (WST) on Thursday, 6 January 2011**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Elizabeth Walters, Manager Projects Access.

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the ERA's website. 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 for the claim. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of sections 14.12 to 14.15 of the Access Code.

The publication of a submission on the ERA's website 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 part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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