26 February 2014

Application for Expansion of Goldfields Gas Pipeline to be Non-Covered

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) is seeking public comment on an application by Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (GGT) for an expansion to the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP) to be not covered (not regulated).

On 4 November 2013, GGT notified the Authority that the GGP was being expanded through the installation of additional compressors and offtake infrastructure in the Pilbara region and that pursuant to clause 10.2(a) of GGP’s current access arrangement, GGT was electing not to treat the expansion as part of the regulated pipeline for any purpose. A copy of the current GGP access arrangement is available on the Authority’s website.

GGT provided a submission to the Authority, providing further details supporting its election. A public version of this submission, which was provided on 7 January 2014, is available on the Authority’s website.

The capacity expansion of the GGP is to enable Rio Tinto Iron Ore to transport gas to Boonamichi Well (approximately 110km west of Newman) and BHP Billiton Iron Ore to transport gas to Yarnima (located on the Newman lateral). New compressors and two new delivery points will be installed between the receipt point at Yarraloola and existing delivery point at Newman to facilitate this expansion.

Clause 10.2(b) of GGP’s current access arrangement requires the Authority to make a determination on GGT’s election.

The Authority expects to release a discussion paper during the consultation period to assist interested parties with making a submission on GGT’s application.

Interested parties are invited to provide their submissions on GGT’s election to not treat its expansion as part of the covered GGP by 4:00 pm (WST) on Thursday, 3 April 2014.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of the Assistant Director Gas 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 Authority’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 Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003.
The publication of a submission on the Authority'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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