



# Notice

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## Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System

### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) is seeking public comment on the proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System (**GDS**), available on the Authority's [website](#).

On 17 March 2014, ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd (**ATCO**) submitted its proposed revised access arrangement, access arrangement information and other supporting information for the GDS to the Authority.

The GDS consists of gas networks that serve Geraldton, Eneabba, Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Pinjarra, Kemerton, Capel and the Perth greater metropolitan area including Mandurah. These networks combined comprise in excess of 12,000 km of gas distribution pipelines and service over 600,000 residential and business customers.

The GDS Access Arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which ATCO will provide third party users access to the GDS. The GDS Access Arrangement Information is provided to help interested parties better understand ATCO's proposed revisions. It should be noted that the reference tariffs that are in the GDS Access Arrangement Proposal are only for the use of the distribution network. Retail gas tariffs levied to general small businesses and households are for the total cost of supplying these customers with gas (inclusive of the distribution network costs).

The National Gas Rules (**NGR**) require that as soon as practicable after receiving a full access arrangement proposal, the Authority must publish an initiating notice on its website and in a newspaper with general circulation around Australia. This notice is published as an initiating notice in accordance with the requirements of the NGR.

The Authority intends to publish an issues paper as soon as possible to assist interested parties in preparing submissions on ATCO's proposed revisions.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the GDS Access Arrangement Proposal by **4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 21 May 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.

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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