NOTICE

Withdrawal of the Proposed Metering Service Provider Registration Scheme

The Economic Regulation Authority has agreed to Western Power’s request to withdraw its Contractor Connect Scheme as the proposed Metering Service Provider Registration Scheme submitted for approval on 10 March 2006 under Part 6 of the *Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005*.

The Contractor Connect Scheme is essentially a continuation of the existing contractor connect scheme which was approved by the Director of Energy Safety and which allows the certification and registration of electrical contractors to perform certain types of metering installation work. The withdrawal of the Contractor Connect Scheme as the proposed Metering Service Provider Registration Scheme has no impact upon the existing contractor connect scheme which continues to operate unaffected.

On 9 May 2006, after reviewing additional information provided by Energy Safety on the adequacy of the Contractor Connect Scheme as a proposed Metering Service Provider Registration Scheme, Western Power sought to withdraw the Contractor Connect Scheme as a mechanism for registering metering installation providers on the basis that the scheme related to energizing electrical installations and not the installation of meters.

The Authority, after reviewing the matter and taking into account the additional information provided by Energy Safety, agreed to allow Western Power to withdraw its proposed scheme. It is expected that a revised Metering Service Provider Registration Scheme will be submitted at a later time.

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