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Western Power Shenton Park Zone Substation Major Augmentation - Regulatory Test

FINAL DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined that Western Power's proposed new Shenton Park zone substation major augmentation satisfies the regulatory test under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

The proposed augmentation involves the construction of a new 132/11 kV zone substation built on land adjacent to the existing Shenton Park substation. The new substation will potentially contain two 75 MVA 132/11 kV transformers and two line circuits. The Shenton Park distribution network and the Herdsman Parade zone substation distribution network will also be converted and upgraded from 6.6 kV to 11 kV.

The determination and related documents, including public submissions made to the Authority on the proposal, are available on the ERA's [website](#).

In making its determination, the Authority considered Western Power's proposal, an independent report prepared by Geoff Brown and Associates Pty Ltd (the Authority's technical adviser) and all submissions received during the Authority's 10 business day consultation period (which ran from 3 August 2012 to 17 August 2012).

Background

Under the Access Code, proposed major augmentations must satisfy a regulatory test before the service provider can proceed. The regulatory test is set out in Chapter 9 of the Access Code and 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.

Western Power submitted its new Shenton Park zone substation major augmentation proposal to the Authority on 10 July 2012 for a regulatory test assessment. The Authority published an issues paper on 3 August 2012 to help interested parties prepare submissions on the proposal.

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