



INFORMATION

Western Power Technical Rules Exemption Application for the Nilgen Wind Farm

TECHNICAL RULES EXEMPTION APPLICATION

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) received an [application](#) from Western Power for exemption from certain requirements of the Western Power Technical Rules on 6 November 2012. This application has today been published on the ERA's website.

The Authority must as soon as practicable determine an application received under section 12.40 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**):

- a) as a reasonable and prudent person on reasonable technical and operational grounds; and
- b) having regard to the effect the proposed exemption will, if granted, have on the service providers and user of the network and any interconnected network,

and must grant the application if the Authority determines that in all the circumstances the disadvantages of requiring the network persons to comply with the requirement are likely to exceed the advantages.

The Authority will soon publish an issues paper to help interested parties prepare submissions on Western Power's application. When the Authority publishes its issues paper, interested parties will be formally invited to make submissions over a 10 business day consultation period. A further notice will be published at this time, specifying the closing date for submissions.

The Access Code requires the Authority to publish its determination within 45 business days of receipt of the proposal where the Authority has consulted the public in accordance with Appendix 7, which is 10 January 2013.

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