



CONSULTATION

Gas Services Information: Determination of Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure for the Independent Market Operator 2013/14-2015/16

ISSUES PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has received a proposal for the Gas Services Information Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure for the Independent Market Operator (**IMO**), under the Gas Services Information Rules (**GSI Rules**).

The proposal covers the initial Review Period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 and was submitted to the Authority on 1 July 2013, pursuant to Schedule 3 of the GSI Rules. The proposal is available on the Authority's <u>website</u>.

The IMO is required to submit an initial Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure proposal to the Authority for the Gas Service Information Services provided under Part 7 of the GSI Rules, for the initial review period, by 30 April 2013 or the first Business Day following the day that the GSI Rules commence, whichever is later. The GSI Rules commenced on 29 June 2013.

In determining the Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure for the IMO, under the GSI Rules, the Authority is required to undertake a public consultation process, which includes publishing an Issues Paper and issuing an invitation for public submissions.

Accordingly, the Authority is issuing an invitation for public submissions on relevant matters raised in relation to the proposal submitted by the IMO and has prepared an Issues Paper to assist interested parties wishing to make submissions. The Issues Paper outlines the Authority's role and the matters that it will take into account when assessing the proposal against the specific criteria set out in the GSI Rules. The Issues Paper is available on the Authority's <u>website</u>.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the determination of the IMO's Gas Services Information Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure by **4:00 pm (WST) on Wednesday, 11 September 2013**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Natalie Jackson, Principal Analyst.

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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 section 55 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*.

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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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