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Application for Expansion of Goldfields Gas Pipeline to be Non-Covered

ISSUES PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has released an [issues paper](#) on an application by Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (**GGT**) for an expansion to the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (**GGP**) to be not covered (not regulated). The purpose of the issues paper is to identify relevant issues to guide interested parties on the framework to assess the application.

On 4 November 2013, GGT notified the Authority that the GGP was being expanded through the installation of additional compressors and offtake infrastructure in the Pilbara region and that, pursuant to clause 10.2(a) of GGP's current access arrangement, GGT elected not to treat the expansion as part of the regulated pipeline for any purpose under the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code)*.

On 6 December 2013, GGT provided a submission to the Authority, which provided further details supporting its election. The Authority published a public version of this submission on its [website](#) on 26 February 2014.

The capacity expansion of the GGP is to enable Rio Tinto Iron Ore to transport gas to Boonamichi Well (approximately 110km west of Newman) and BHP Billiton Iron Ore to transport gas to Yarnima (located on the Newman lateral). New compressors and two new delivery points will be installed between the receipt point at Yarraloola and existing delivery point at Newman to facilitate this expansion.

Clause 10.2(b) of GGP's current access arrangement requires the Authority to make a determination on GGT's election. A copy of the current GGP access arrangement is available on the Authority's [website](#).

On 26 February 2014, the Authority commenced consultation on GGT's application and noted that it would release an issues paper during the consultation period. The consultation period was due to close at 4:00pm (WST) on 3 April 2014. However, the Authority has decided to extend this consultation period to allow sufficient time for interested parties to make a submission based on the issues paper.

Interested parties are now invited to provide their submissions on GGT's election to not treat its expansion as part of the covered GGP based on the Authority's issues paper by **4:00 pm (WST) on Friday, 11 April 2014**.

Submissions should be labelled "Determination on Goldfields Gas Transmission's Proposed Expansion of the Goldfields Gas Pipeline", and marked to the attention of Richard Begley, Regulatory Advisor.

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