



# Notice

3 September 2014

## Consultation on a proposed Technical Rule exemption

### APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE TECHNICAL RULES EXEMPTION FOR A SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO THE GERALDTON PORT AUTHORITY

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on an [application](#) received from Western Power for an extension to an existing exemption from compliance with certain requirements of Western Power's Technical Rules. The extension is in relation to a supply of electricity to the Geraldton Port Authority (**GPA**).

The Authority granted Western Power an [exemption](#) from compliance with certain requirements of Western Power's Technical Rules for the supply of electricity to GPA on 18 December 2012.

The exemption granted on 18 December 2012 allowed 11.65 MVA to be supplied on a curtailable basis to GPA and applied until the Mid-West Energy Project (**MWEP**) Southern Section was in service.

Western Power has applied for an extension to the exemption until such time as a network augmentation, such as the MWEP Northern Section, is in service and enables the provision of a standard reference service for the full GPA load. Western Power has also reduced the supply requiring exemption from 11.65 MVA to 3.15 MVA.

Section 12.41 of the Access Code requires the Authority to determine an application as soon as practicable as a reasonable and prudent person on reasonable technical and operational grounds and having regard to the effect the proposed exemption will have on the service provider and users of the network and any interconnected network. The Authority must grant the exemption if it determines that in all the circumstances, the disadvantages of requiring compliance with the Technical Rules are likely to exceed the advantages.

The Authority's reasons for approving the original exemption are set out in its decision published on 18 December 2012. Submissions are invited from interested parties on Western Power's application to extend the exemption, in particular regarding:

- whether the proposed exemption will materially impact other users; and
- whether there are any reasonable alternative options which would be compliant with the Technical Rules.

Interested Parties are invited to make submissions by:

**4.00pm (WST) on Thursday 18 September 2014.**



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Submissions should be marked to the attention of Elizabeth Walters, Assistant Director Electricity.

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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 the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*, sections 14.12 to 14.15.

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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