



Notice

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Determination on a proposed Technical Rules exemption

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

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved an application from Western Power to extend an existing exemption from its Technical Rules in relation to the supply of electricity to the Geraldton Port Authority (**GPA**). Western Power's Technical Rules set out the standard requirements for customer connections.

The Authority approved an exemption from the standard requirements for the GPA connection on 18 December 2012.

GPA has been provided with an N-0 curtailable supply which, without a technical rules exemption, is non-compliant with Western Power's technical rules.

The extension to the exemption is approved until such time as a network augmentation, such as the Mid-West Energy Project (MWEPP) northern section, is in service, and enables the provision of a standard reference service for the full GPA load.

The exemption relates to clause 2.5.2.2, N-1¹ Criterion, of the Technical Rules, insofar as it applies to the Geraldton Port Authority's additional load of 3.15 MVA such that this additional load will be provided as an N-0 supply from the North Country transmission sub-network.

The extension to the exemption is granted on the provision that:

- GPA's additional load of 3.15 MVA is supplied on a curtailable basis; and
- The N-1 supply reliability provided to existing network users in the North Country, including those supplied from the Rangeway Substation, is not adversely affected as a result of GPA's additional load of 3.15 MVA.

On 3 September 2014, the Authority published a notice seeking public consultation from interested parties on the application to extend the exemption. One submission was received during the consultation period which has been published on the Authority's website.

Following the public submission period it was noted Western Power's application contained a typographical error and the inclusion of a term which was contradictory to the temporary basis on which the 18 December 2012 exemption was granted.

As a result Western Power was advised of the typographical error and contradictory term and given the opportunity to amend its application. On 8 October 2014, Western Power provided an [amended application](#) which corrected the typographical error and removed the contradictory term.

¹ Terminology such as "N-0" and "N-1" is commonly used for describing the level of security and reliability of the transmission system.



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Accordingly, the Authority has made its determination to extend the temporary exemption for Western Power from compliance with certain requirements of its Technical Rules in relation to the supply of electricity to the GPA on the amended application of 8 October 2014.

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