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Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems

REFERENCE TARIFF VARIATION - 1 JANUARY 2017

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has approved a variation to the reference tariffs for retailers of the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems. The approved reference tariffs are nearly eight per cent lower. These reference tariffs may be charged by ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd (ATCO) to gas retailers. The new tariffs will take effect on 1 January 2017.

ATCO submitted the proposed tariffs. The National Gas Rules (Rule 97(4)) and the approved Access Arrangement provide the ERA with the power to approve or not approve the reference tariff variation proposal.

The ERA has verified that ATCO's reference tariff variation is in accordance with the tariff variation mechanism in the current access arrangement.

A copy of ATCO's Tariff Variation Report and the revised tariffs are available on the <u>ERA</u> website.

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