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ERA seeks public comment on the Synergy Regulatory Scheme

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) is seeking public comment on its annual review of the effectiveness of the Synergy Regulatory Scheme.

The scheme began when Verve Energy and Synergy merged on 1 January 2014.

The scheme imposes requirements on Synergy, including ring fencing, business segregation, transfer pricing, non-discriminatory wholesale electricity trading, and standard product arrangements.

The ERA is seeking public comment from interested parties on issues that will assist the ERA to undertake its 2016 review. A <u>discussion paper</u> has been prepared to assist interested parties in preparing submissions.

The ERA will provide the results of the review to the Western Australian Minister for Energy.

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the discussion paper by **Friday**, **30 June 2017** via.

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In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the ERA'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.

The publication of a submission on the ERA's website shall not be taken as indicating that the ERA 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 ERA.

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