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Regulatory Test determination on Western Power's proposal to reinforce the Perth CBD transmission network

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has determined that Western Power's proposal to reinforce the Perth CBD transmission network satisfies the regulatory test under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

Western Power plans to install a new 132 kV transmission cable between the Hay Street and Milligan Street substations.

The ERA's determination is available on its website.

In making its determination, the ERA considered Western Power's proposal and an independent report prepared by Geoff Brown and Associates Pty Ltd.

Western Power submitted its proposal to the ERA on 19 September 2017.

The ERA published an issues paper on 29 September 2017 and invited public submissions by 13 October 2017. No submissions were received.

The regulatory test determines whether the proposed augmentation to the electricity network is the best way of overcoming constraints in the wider electricity system.

It takes into account other means of overcoming the constraints, such as different network investments, investment in generation, or the management of electricity demand.

Western Power must not commit to a major augmentation before the ERA determines that the regulatory test is satisfied.

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