



Notice

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Proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is seeking public comment on the proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS), available on the <u>ERA website</u>.

On 31 August 2018, ATCO Gas Australia submitted its proposed revised access arrangement, access arrangement information, and other supporting information to the ERA.

The GDS consists of gas networks servicing Geraldton, Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Pinjarra, Brunswick Junction, Capel and the Perth greater metropolitan area (including Mandurah). These combined networks supply approximately 750,000 customers through more than 14,000 kilometres of gas distribution pipelines.

The GDS access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which ATCO will provide third party users access to the GDS. The access arrangement information is provided to help interested parties better understand ATCO's proposed revisions.

The reference tariffs in ATCO's proposal are only for the use of the distribution network. Retail gas tariffs paid by small businesses and households are set by gas retailers, and cover the total cost of supplying gas (including distribution network costs).

The National Gas Rules require the ERA to publish an initiating notice as soon as practicable, after receiving a full access arrangement proposal. This notice is published as an initiating notice in accordance with those requirements.

The ERA will soon publish an issues paper to assist interested parties to prepare submissions on ATCO's proposed revisions.

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Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the GDS access arrangement proposal.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 14 November 2018.

Only submissions received by the ERA before this closing date will be considered.

Submissions should be lodged online using the form on our website www.erawa.com.au/consultation.

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