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Sent by Email

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Dear Mr Balch

Exemption Application – Cape Lambert Gas Lateral (PL8 & PL106)

Your application for an exemption under Part 23 of the National Gas Rules, as applied in Western Australia, for the Cape Lambert Gas Lateral (PL8 & PL106) has been assessed by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA).

The ERA has decided to grant a Category 1 (exemption from Division 3, access requests and negotiations; and Division 4, arbitration of access disputes) and Category 2 (exemption from the obligation to publish information under Division 2) exemption for the Cape Lambert Gas Lateral. The exemptions are valid from 16 November 2018 for five years, and expire on 16 November 2023.

This exemption may be varied or revoked at any time, in accordance with provisions in the *National Gas Rules* as applied in Western Australia.

As required under Rule 585(8) of the *National Gas Rules (WA)*, please notify the ERA without delay if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption granted.

The Cape Lambert Gas Lateral must still comply with all other provisions in the *National Gas Rules (WA)* not covered by this exemption.

The ERA is required to establish, publish and maintain a register of exemptions. Your application will be published on the ERA's [website](#).

Please contact either Robert Pullella or Tyson Self on 08 6557 7900, if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIR