



Notice

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Western Power's regulatory test application for the Picton South staged 132kV conversion

Issues paper

The Economic Regulation Authority invites comment on Western Power's proposed augmentation to the [Picton South transmission network](#). The proposed augmentation is the first stage of a longer-term strategy to convert the Picton South network from 66kV to 132kV.

The proposal has been submitted to the ERA under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* for a determination on whether it satisfies the regulatory test.

The regulatory test determines whether the proposed augmentation to the electricity network is the best way of overcoming constraints in the wider electricity system. Western Power must demonstrate that it has properly considered alternative means of overcoming the constraints, such as alternative network or generation investments, 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.

The ERA has prepared an issues paper to assist interested parties prepare submissions. The issues paper and Western Power's proposal are available on the ERA's website.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the issues paper.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Friday, 8 May 2020.

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

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