



Notice

20 May 2020

Alinta Sales Pty Ltd – GTL9

Licence renewal application and amended standard form contract

Alinta Sales Pty Ltd has applied to the Economic Regulation Authority to renew its [gas trading licence GTL9](#), which expires on 30 June 2020. As part of the application, Alinta has submitted an amended standard form contract for the ERA's approval.

GTL9 authorises Alinta to supply gas to small use customers in Western Australia.¹

The ERA invites public comment on Alinta's request to renew GTL9 and its [proposed amended standard form contract](#). The changes Alinta is proposing to its current contract, which was approved by the ERA in 2016, are marked on the amended standard form contract. The main changes to the contract include:

- Greater clarity about the content of bills.
- Additional information on debt recovery proceedings.
- More information for customers that are having trouble paying their bills.
- Clarifying the conditions that apply to the reconnection of supply after it has been disconnected at the request of Alinta for non-payment of a bill, failing to provide access to the meter or the unauthorised use of gas.

The remaining changes are considered to be minor and administrative amendments mostly intended to make the contract easier to read.

To renew a licence, the ERA must be satisfied that the licensee:

- has, and is likely to retain,
or
- will acquire within a reasonable time after the renewal, and is then likely to retain,

the financial and technical resources to undertake the activities authorised by the licence.

¹ A 'small use customer' is a customer who consumes less than one terajoule of gas per year.

The ERA must also have regard to the public interest matters set out in section 26 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*, which include the long-term interests of consumers.

Under the *Energy Coordination Act 1994*, the ERA must not approve a standard form contract if it considers the contract does not meet the requirements of the *Energy Coordination (Customer Contracts) Regulations 2004* or will be inconsistent with the Act or any other written law, or any term, condition or provision of the gas trading licence

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the licence renewal application and amended standard form contract.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 10 June 2020.

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

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