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ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd

Licence renewal application

ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd has applied to the Economic Regulation Authority to renew its <u>gas distribution licence GDL8</u>, which expires on 30 June 2021.

ATCO owns and operates the largest gas distribution network in Western Australia, delivering gas to approximately 750,000 end users and covering approximately 14,000 kilometres. The gas distribution network services Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Pinjarra, Brunswick Junction, Capel and the Perth Metropolitan area.

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.

Section 11K of the *Energy Coordination Act 1994* requires that the ERA must not renew a licence unless it is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so. Section 11H(3) of the Act specifies the matters that the ERA may consider when determining whether a decision would be contrary to the public interest.

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.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on ATCO's request to renew GDL8.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 19 May 2021.

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

Further information

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