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Sent by email to [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Griggs

Exemption application – Northern Goldfields Interconnect (PL 129)

Your application for an exemption under Part 23 of the *National Gas Rules*, as applied in Western Australia, for the Northern Goldfields Interconnect (PL 129) has been assessed by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA).

The ERA has decided to grant Category 3 exemption for the Northern Goldfields Interconnect, subject to a condition. The exemption is valid from 3 August 2023 to 31 December 2028.

Northern Goldfields Interconnect is exempt from the obligation to publish information under Division 2 of Part 23 of the *National Gas Rules (WA)*, other than pipeline information and pipeline service information.

However, APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd as service provider for Northern Goldfields Interconnect, as a condition of this approval, must report to the ERA on the pipeline's average throughput volume by 31 December 2023 and every year thereafter until the conclusion of the exemption. Failure to comply with this obligation could result in the ERA revoking the exemption granted.

The exemption may also be varied or revoked at any time, in accordance with provisions in the *National Gas Rules (WA)*.

APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd must still comply with all other provisions in the *National Gas Rules (WA)* not covered by these exemptions.

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

Please contact Tyson Self on 08 6557 7900 if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Steve Edwell
Chair