



# Notice

18 September 2023

## Proposed revisions to the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems access arrangement

### Invitation for public submissions

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on the proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS) for the sixth access arrangement period (AA6), available on the [ERA website](#). The sixth access arrangement period will commence on 1 January 2025.

On 1 September 2023, ATCO Gas Australia, owner and operator of the GDS, submitted its proposed revised access arrangement, access arrangement information, and other supporting information to the ERA. The GDS consists of gas networks servicing Geraldton, Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Pinjarra, Brunswick Junction, Capel and the Perth greater metropolitan area (including Mandurah). These combined networks supply approximately 785,000 customers through more than 14,500 kilometres of gas distribution pipelines.

The GDS access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which ATCO will provide third party users access to the GDS. The access arrangement information is provided to help interested parties better understand ATCO's proposed revisions.

The reference tariffs in ATCO's proposal are only for the use of the distribution network. Retail gas tariffs paid by small businesses and households are set by gas retailers and cover the total cost of supplying gas (including distribution network costs).

The National Gas Rules require the ERA to publish an initiating notice as soon as practicable after receiving a full access arrangement proposal. This notice is published in accordance with those requirements.

The ERA expects to publish an issues paper by late October 2023 to assist interested parties to prepare submissions on ATCO's proposed revisions. The ERA will consider submissions received in preparing a draft and final decision. For the purposes of calculating the eight-month period within which a final decision is to be made, the public submission periods for the proposal and draft decision on the proposal will be disregarded under rule 11 of the National Gas Rules as applied in Western Australia.

## **Invitation for submissions**

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the GDS access arrangement proposal.

**Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Monday, 27 November 2023.**

Submissions should be lodged online using the form on our website  
[www.erawa.com.au/consultation](http://www.erawa.com.au/consultation).

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