



Notice

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Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems access arrangement 2025-29

Draft decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a [draft decision](#) on ATCO's proposal for the sixth access arrangement period (AA6) for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems.

The ERA has not approved ATCO's proposed access arrangement for AA6. The draft decision sets out the amendments that ATCO must make before the ERA will approve the access arrangement.

An [Overview](#) of the draft decision along with the draft decision attachments which provide further details, consultant reports relied on as part of the draft decision, and a supporting attachment summarising the ERA's response to stakeholder submissions are available on the ERA website.

Background

On 1 September 2023, ATCO Gas Australia submitted proposed revisions to Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS) access arrangement for the sixth access arrangement period, which is due to commence on 1 January 2025. ATCO is the owner and operator of the GDS.

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 is a regulated gas distribution network and is required to have an approved access arrangement, which sets out the terms and conditions under which ATCO will provide third party users access to the GDS to transport and/or receive gas.

Revision period

The ERA is required to fix a period (revision period) within which ATCO may submit additions or other amendments to its access arrangement proposal to address the matters raised in this draft decision. ATCO may submit revisions to its proposal by 4:00 pm (WST) Monday, 10 June 2024.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the draft decision.

Interested parties have until **Tuesday, 9 July 2024** to make their submissions on the ERA's draft decision and any revised proposal submitted by ATCO during the revision period.

Submissions can be lodged online using the form on our [Current Consultation webpage](#).

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