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NOTICE

Extension of Time to Publish the "Build Pack" Required Under the Communication Rules Approved Pursuant to the Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005

On 16 May 2006 Western Power requested the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) to consider granting an extension of 60 business days to the date for publication of the Communication Rules Build Pack.

On 16 February 2006 the Authority approved Communication Rules under the Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005. Communication Rules govern the methods, protocols and framework for the exchanging of metering information and data between the network operation and retailers of electricity.

Clause 4.4 of the approved Communication Rules requires that Western Power publish the Build Pack within 60 business days following the Authority's approval (by 18 May 2006). The Build Pack sets out the specific details as to how the data and information exchange process will occur.

In seeking an extension of 60 business days to publish the Build Pack, Western Power has advised that due to the depth and the complexity of the issues to be addressed in the Build Pack, it has not been possible to finalise it by the scheduled date for its publication. Retailers have advised that they have no objection to the extension of time to publish the Build Pack.

In view of the above, the Authority has approved the extension of 60 business days. Western Power is now required to publish the Build Pack by 11 August 2006.

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