

NOTICE

Approval of Proposed Model Service Level Agreement Under the Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005

On 30 March 2006, the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) approved the proposed model service level agreement submitted by Western Power Corporation Networks Business Unit (Western Power) under Part 6 of the *Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005*.

The model service level agreement specifies the metering services that Western Power provides to Metering Code participants on request and provides a detailed description of each metering service; a timeframe and service performance levels; and the maximum charges that may be imposed for each metering service.

The Authority published a notice on 9 January 2006 that Western Power had submitted for approval a proposed model service level agreement and communications rules, as required under Part 6 of the *Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005*. On 16 February 2006, the Authority approved the proposed communication rules and exercised its discretion to extend the time to approve the model service level agreement to 31 March 2006.

The Authority is satisfied that Western Power has undertaken a consultation process in developing the model service level agreement, as required by the Metering Code, and has taken into account the views of Metering Code participants. The Authority also took note of the submissions of interested parties in giving its approval.

The Authority is satisfied that the proposed model service level agreement complies with clauses 6.5 and 6.6 of the Metering Code, as it:

- complies with the Metering Code;
- does not impose inappropriate barriers to entry to a market;
- is consistent with good electricity industry practice;
- is reasonable;
- is consistent with the Code objectives;
- is consistent with the market rules; and
- is consistent with other enactments, to the extent that they are relevant.

The approved model service level agreement and decision of the Authority are available from the Authority's website at: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/meteringCode.cfm.

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