

## **NOTICE**

### **Extension of Time to Assess the Proposed Metrology Procedure and Mandatory Link Criteria under the Electricity Industry Metering Code**

The Economic Regulation Authority has extended by 30 business days the time it requires to assess the proposed metrology procedure and mandatory link criteria submitted by Western Power and Horizon Power.

This means the Authority must determine whether or not to approve these proposed documents by 15 September 2006.

The extension was necessary for the Authority to give further detailed consideration to a submission and technical advice it has received and which it is unable to complete by the original due date of 4 August 2006.

The Authority issued notices on 29 June 2006 advising that it was assessing proposed metrology procedure and mandatory link criteria submitted by Western Power and Horizon Power on 23 June 2006 for approval under Part 6 of the *Electricity Industry Metering Code 2005*.

Part 6 of the Metering Code specifies the approval procedure for proposed documents. Clause 6.13 sets out the requirements for the Authority to approve documents within specified time periods. Clause 6.13(1) states that the Authority has 30 business days to approve or not approve a document once submitted by the network operator. As the proposed metrology procedure and mandatory link criteria were submitted on 23 June 2006, the 30 business day time period expired on 4 August 2006.

Clause 6.13(2) of the Metering Code permits the Authority to extend this time period and Clause 6.13(3) requires the Authority to publish a notice giving reasons for extending the time limit. The Metering Code allows the Authority to extend the time limit by no more than an aggregate of 30 business days if, and only to the extent that, the Authority first reasonably determines that a longer period of time is essential for due consideration of all the matters.

The Authority has determined that the additional time is essential for the consideration of all matters before it. The Authority is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to utilise the time afforded under the original notices. As such, pursuant to clause 6.13(2) of the Metering Code, the Authority has exercised its discretion to extend the time to consider the proposed documents.

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