

NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PUBLICATION OF DRAFT DECISION – WESTERN POWER'S PROPOSED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

On 30 January 2006 the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) published a notice advising that a draft decision on Western Power Corporation's (Western Power) proposed Access Arrangement and access arrangement information for its South West Interconnected Network (SWIN) would be published by 14 March 2006.

Section 4.66(f) of the Access Code gives the Authority the discretion to extend the time for the making of a draft decision by up to an additional 42 business days, where the Authority determines that the requirements of section 4.64 are met. The Authority has previously extended the time for the making of a draft decision by an additional 25 business days.

The Authority considers that additional time is essential for due consideration and preparation of the draft decision. The Authority is also satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to fully utilise the time available.

As such, pursuant to section 4.66(f) of the Access Code, the Authority has exercised its discretion to grant an extension of time of 10 business days.

In view of the above, and for the purposes of section 4.12 of the Access Code, the Authority advises that a draft decision on Western Power's proposed Access Arrangement will be published by Tuesday, 28 March 2006.

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