

## NOTICE

### **APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME FOR WESTERN POWER CORPORATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR ITS NETWORK IN THE SOUTH WEST INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM**

On 26 April 2005 the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) published a notice regarding an extension of the submission deadline for Western Power Corporation's (Western Power) lodgement of the proposed Access Arrangement, access arrangement information and technical rules for its network in the South West Interconnected System.

The Authority extended the submission deadline by 40 business days to 27 July 2005, and indicated an intention to grant an additional 20 business day extension sought by Western Power, subject to the consideration of any submissions received by 5pm WST, Tuesday 10 May 2005.

The Authority received one submission during the public consultation period, and has considered the issues raised in that submission as part of its deliberations. The Authority considers the issues raised in the submission particularly pertinent in terms of the desirability of the proposed Access Arrangement being available to potential bidders in the reserve capacity auction to be conducted later this year, and for a finalised Access Arrangement being in place prior to the commencement of the wholesale electricity market.

The Authority explored the issues raised in the submission with Western Power, and is satisfied that it would be necessary for Western Power to receive the additional 20 business day extension in order to submit a proposed Access Arrangement which complies with the provisions of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*. In all the circumstances, and despite the validity of the views expressed in the submission, the Authority has determined to grant the full extension sought by Western Power.

Accordingly, the Authority grants Western Power an extension of a further 20 business days from 27 July 2005 to submit its proposed Access Arrangement. The submission deadline for receipt of the proposed Access Arrangement, access arrangement information and technical rules is Wednesday 24 August 2005.

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24 May 2005

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