

MEDIA STATEMENT

11 November 2004

DBNGP GAS REVIEW BOARD APPEALS DISCONTINUED

The Western Australian Gas Review Board has issued orders to discontinue application for review no. 1 of 2004, which was an application for review of the decision by the Independent Gas Pipelines Access Regulator to approve his own Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) brought by Epic Energy (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd and Epic Energy (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd.

The discontinuance of the proceedings was granted by the Board at the request of Epic.

North West Shelf Gas Pty Ltd, the applicant in applications for review no's 2 and 4 of 2004, has also sought to discontinue those proceedings. Orders in relation to those proceedings will be made when the outstanding issues as to costs have been determined.

The Gas Review Board has reserved its decision in relation to the issue of costs and directed that any application for costs be filed by 15 November. The Gas Review Board has ordered the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) to serve a written outline of submissions as to whether the Gas Review Board has the power to make orders that a party or parties to an application for review pay the costs incurred by the Board itself and, if it does have such power, the orders that are appropriate in these proceedings.

Application for review no. 3 of 2004, brought by Western Power, has been adjourned for directions on 11 November 2004 at 10.00am and 26 November 2004 at 10.00am.

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