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Attention: Regulator
Office of Gas Regulation

Reference: **OFFGAR Draft Decision on the DBNGP Pipeline.**

Dear Sir or Madame,

We are in receipt of the details surrounding the draft decision on the DBNGP pipeline as issued by the Office of Gas Regulation and the ultimate effect that this decision could have on Epic Energy's operations going forward.

Standard Aero currently supports a valued Customer in Epic Energy with specialist gas turbine engine maintenance services from our facilities located in Sydney, Australia as well as from our Canadian headquarters. Additionally, we have the potential to supply Epic, and other Customers in Western Australia, with natural gas turbine powered generation equipment.

The influence of this draft decision on incremental expansion of pipeline capacity, on new pipeline capital projects, on gas fired power generation projects, and on the use of gas fuel as an environmentally friendlier alternative to heavier fossil fuels is genuinely concerning to Standard Aero. We respectfully request that you reconsider your draft decision in favor of economics that allow natural gas and the gas industry to remain an integral part of the continuing economic development in Western Australia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding our position on this matter.

Sincerely,
STANDARD AERO

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