

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MID-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

7 April 2004

This is to notify interested parties that the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has received proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information from AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd in respect of the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems. These revisions are pursuant to Section 2.28 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (the Code). The revised Access Arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd will make access available to the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems to third party users of gas pipeline services commencing 1 January 2005.

The revised Access Arrangement Information is intended to permit interested parties to understand the derivation of the elements of the revised Access Arrangement. The Authority, as the Relevant Regulator under the Code, is required to assess the proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement against the specific criteria in the Code.

Invitation to Comment

Submissions on the proposed Access Arrangement are invited from all interested parties. These submissions must be received by 4:00pm Friday 14 May 2004 Western Standard Time.

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the ERA website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the Code shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has formed an opinion as to whether or not any particular submission contains any information of a confidential nature.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Code.

Available Documentation

The proposed revised Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information may be downloaded from the ERA website (www.era.wa.gov.au). Printed copies of the

documentation are available directly from the Authority for \$25.00 per set. Requests for the document can be made to:

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