Attachment 8

Pro Forma Confidentiality Deed signed prior to release of Information Memorandum

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SALE OF THE DAMPIER TO BUNBURY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING

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Barristers & Solicitors
St George's Contre
81 St George's Terrace
PERIH WA 6000
Tel: (08) 9321 2144
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SKEA
NELSON & HAGER
Barriston & Solicitors
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Confidentiality Undertaking

THIS DEED POLL is made on the data specified in item 1 of the Schedule hereto, by the person whose name and address appears at item 2 of the Schedule.

RECITALS:

- A. The State wishes to effect the sale of the DBNGP Assets.
- B. Certain persons ("Candidater") have indicated to the State that they are considering participating in the Proposed Sale.
- C. Candidana may be provided with or given access to Confidential Information for the purpose of considering whether to participate in the Proposed Sale, and to conduct and pursue any much participation ("Purpose").
- D. The Covenances require the Candidans, and all persons whom each Condidate proposes, and considers it necessary, to give or make Confidential Information available for the Purpose, to provide confidentiality undertakings in the form of this Deed.
- E. The person whose usus and address appears at inera 2 of the Schedule ("Covenanter") is a person referred to in Registi D, and who by this Deed new makes the promises, undertakings, acknowledgments and warrantees contained herein for the benefit of the Covenances.
- F. In this Docal, the Candidate is Epic Energy Pry Ltd.

OFLIGATIONS

- The Covenance hereby covenants with the Covenances that the Covenance will:
 - (a) subject to clause 2, keep strictly scoret and confidential the Confidential Information and will not divulge or disclose in any manner whatsoever the Confidential Information to any person, or use the Confidential Information, other than strictly for the Purpose;
 - (b) exercise all endeavours to ensure that any person who has executed a considerability undertaking pursuant to closes 2 of this Doed will not commit or allow to be committed a breach of the confidentiality undertaking signed by that person;
 - (c) not reproduce, copy or transcribe, nor allow to be reproduced, copied or transcribed, in any form the Coolidential Information, except where, and thus only to the extent, reasonably necessary for the purpose of assisting the Candidate for the Purpose;

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- **(b)** if directed by the Covenantees, or either of them, immediately return to the Covenances, or destroy as they direct, all original documents containing any Confidential Information and any copies of those documents and remove from electronic, pragnetic or other form of nontangible storage all Confidencial Information, including in all cases such Confidential Information where combined with any other information, and exercise all endowours to ensure that any person referred to in clause 2 who has executed a confidentiality undertaking similarly complies is respect of Confidential Information disclosed to them, and certify in writing to the Covenances (in the case of a Covenantor that is a corporation, signed by a director) that the Covenantor has discharged its obligations under this clause;
- (e) ensure that the Confidencial Information is stored in any manner or form which the Covenances may reasonably require from time to time;
- **(1)** maintain (unless the Covenantor's employer maintains) an up to date register of all persons to whom the Covenamor has disclosed Confidential Information, and must immediately provide a copy of that register to the Coveranters whenever requested; and
- **(g)** not, without the prior written consent of the Covenantees or either of them, make any coquiries of or hold any discussions with any representatives, directors, employees, officers, financiers, customers, suppliers or consultants of the Covenantons, or any union, in connection with the Confidential Information, the Purpose or the Proposed Sale.
- 2. The Covenantor may disclose the Confidential Information to an employee, servent, director, adviser, consultant, agent or financier of the Candidate who is assisting the Covenanter for the Purpose, and to any employee of such adviser. consultant, agent or financier involved in artisting the Candidate for the Purpose, but only if prior to any such disclosure:
 - (3) the same and function of the person to whom disclosure of Confidential Information is to be made has been netified in writing to the Covernment by the Covernment and approved in writing by the Coveniences
 - **(b)** that person has been informed by the Covenantor about the confidential nature of the Confidential Information:
 - (c) that person is a person whom the Covenantor considers it necessary to disclose the Confidential Information for the purposes of essisting the Candidate for the Purpose; and
 - **(b)** that person has executed and delivered to the Covenantees a confidentiality undertaking in submantially the same form as this Deed.



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- 3. The Covenamor undertakes that if the Covenantor is compelled to disclose any Confidencial Information, or otherwise proposes to disclose any of the Confidential Information because of a law or an order of a court or inbunal, the Coverantor
 - **(A)** will provide prompt written notice to the Covenantees of the same in order that the Covenamers may seek a protective order, exemption from production or other appropriate remedy:
 - will only displace the relevant Confidential Information which there is a **(b)** legal compulsion to disclose, and
 - (c) will provide the Covenances with all reasonable assistance and cooperation which they consider necessary to prevent the disclosure of the relevant Confidencial Information.
- 4. The Coverantor acknowledges that the Confidencial information given or made evailable to the Covenanter contains information which is confidential to the Covenances or either of them and the improper use or disclosure of that Confidential Information may cause loss or damage to either or both of the Coveragnees. In the event of a breach or threatened breach of the terms of this Deed by the Covenance, the Covenances or either of them will be emitted to an injunction restraining the Covenantor from committing any or any further breach of this Deed without having to show or prove any actual damage surrained by the Covenances or either of them.
- 5. The Covenantor hereby agrees with each of the Covenantees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Covenantees or either of them from and against any loss or expense of any nature whatsoever, including consequential loss, which the Coverantees or either of them may suffer or incur and arising directly or indirectly from any breach by the Covernmor of the terms of this Deed, or, in the case of a person referred to in clause 2, of the terms of a confidentiality undertaking signed by the relevant person.
- 6. The Covenantor must promptly notify the Covenantees if it becomes aware of any suspected or actual mainthorised access, use, copying, disclosure, damage or destruction by any person to whom it has disclosed all or any part of the Confidential Information, or any person who becomes aware of the Confidential Information in an unauthorised way, and must (without prejudice to any of its other obligations under this Deed) give the Covenantees all reasonable assistance in connection with any proceedings which the Covenantees may institute against that person for breach of confidence or otherwise.



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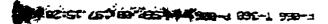
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The Covenience acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) the Confidential Information is made available to it on the condition that it does not purport to contain all the information that a Candidate may require for the Purpose or the Proposeri Sale, including, without limitation, any evaluation by the Covenantor of the DBNGP Assets, and that the Covenantor will conduct, and will rely on, its ewo independent investigation and analysis of the DBNGP Assets and the Confidential Information, and will not rely on the Confidential Information in its evaluation of the DBNGP Assets or for any other purpose;
- the Covenances, or either of them, do not make any representations or give any warrantles, express or implied, as to the accuracy, reliability or complements of the Confidential Information, and jointly and severally disclaim all liability, direct or indirect (and whether or not arising out of the negligence, default or lack of care of the Covenances or either of them) for any loss or damage (whether foreseeable or not) suffered by the Covenance or any other person arising out of or in commercion with, any use of, or, contrary to the terms of this Deed, reliance by any of them on the Confidential Information;
- the completion and implementation of the Proposed Sale is subject to the required new legislation being enacted, and required regulations not being disallowed, by the Parliament of the State of Western Australia ("Parliament"), and that it is the intention of the Government of Western Australia ("Government") to submit to the Parliament that new legislation for enactment, and to lay before the Parliament the new regulations, to enable the Proposed Sale to be completed and implemented in the manner proposed by the Government, and that no representation or wattury is made by the Covernment, and that no representation or wattury is made by the Covernment, and that the intended new legislation will be passed or that the intended new regulations will not be disallowed by the Parliament, or, if passed or not disallowed, that the intended new legislation or regulations will be in the form proposed by the Government;
- (d) the Covenantor interocably waives any right to claim compensation for loss or damage against the Covenantees or either of them of any nature whatsoever, including consequential loss, which the Covenantor may suffer or incur and arising directly or indirectly arising out of, or in committee with any use or, contrary to the terms of this Deed, reliance by the Covenantor or any other person of any of the Confidencial Information or any change to the Proposed Sale under dame 7(g);
- (e) any Confidential Information provided prior to the execution of this Deed by the Covenances or by any person acting on behalf of them or any of them, to the Covenance, or to an employee, servant, director, adviser, consultant, agent or financier of the Covenance, or any employee of such adviser, consultant, agent or financier, was impurted





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in confidence and that may such information shall be deemed to be Confidential Information and subject to the terms of this Deed as if it were disclosed as Confidential Information to any such persons after the date of this Doed by the Covenanteen;

- the Covenages must at all times exercise its own independent care, skill **(1)** and judgment in describing:
 - **(1)** the number in which any Confidential Information which is made available to the Covenantor during the Proposed Sale is at any time relied on, not relied on, used, not used or presented by the COMMENTAL
 - **(ii)** the manner in which any information, including Confidential Information, which is independently taken, derived or developed by the Covenantor from the Confidential Information is at any time relied on or not relied on, used or not used, or presented, by the Covenance,
 - (EE) the manner in which any assessment, opinion or conclusion independently taken, derived, developed or made by the Covenantor from Confidencial Information is at any time relied on or not relied on, used or not used, or presented, by the Coverantor
- **(g)** the Covenantees, the Government or the GPSSC are free, at any time and from time to time, to determine and change the procedures that will apply in consection with the Proposed Sale, or suspend or cancel the Proposed Sale, without any obligation to provide notice or reasons to any person and without liability on the part of the Covenanters, the Government or the GPSSC to any person for costs or claims of any MADIE Whatshever.
- **(b)** there is no arrangement or understanding of any nature whatsoever between the Covenientor and the Coveniences, the Government of the GPSSC or any of them, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, as to whether the Proposed Sale will involve the Candidate or that the DRNGP Assets in whole or part will be sold to the Candidate or at all and that the Covenantees have no obligation to accept any Bid whether or not the Bid represents the highest price offered;
- **(1)** the Covenameer retain an absolute discretion as to the Confidential Information that they may disclose of make available to the Covenantor or any other person and that the Covenantees may:
 - **(1)** impose additional conditions subject to which Confidential Information may be disclosed to the Covenanter or any other person, provided that, if the Covenantor disagrees with any of

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the additional conditions, the Covenantor may by notice to the Covenentees terminate its participation in the Proposed Sale and shall simultaneously return all of the Confidential Information and shall act in accordance with any direction received from the Covenances or either of them under clause 1(d):

- sominate to which persons disclosure of any such Confidential (E) Information may or may not be made, the locations at which any such Confidential Information in a tangible form may be kept or retained and the extent to which or the form in which any such Confidential Information may be made available; and
- without limiting clause 7(i)(i) above, 'f required by a person to whom either or any of the Covenantees owe a duty of confidentiality in respect of Confidential Information (including withour limitation, Alena of Australia Limited, Epic Energy Pry Led and Westigmers LPG Psy Ltd), require the Covenantor to execute a further confidentiality undertaking in the form approved by that person in respect of such Confidential Information, provided that, if the Covenhator disagrees with any of the additional conditions, the Covenantor may by notice to the Covenantees terminate its participation in the Proposed Sale and shall simultaneously return all of the Confidencial information and shall are in accordance with any direction received from the Covenantees or either of them under clause 1(d).
- 8. The Covenantor acknowledges that certain of the Confidential Information may comprise information or materials in respect of which the Covenantees, their officers, employees or advisers may at any time wish to claim legal professional privilege and the Covenamor undertakes that it, and that the Covenamor will exercise all codeavours to ensure that any person referred to in clause 2, will not at any time take any action, or permit any action to be taken by another person, with the purpose of defining such claim of logal professional privilege by reason that its disclosure pursuant to this Deed has deprived that Confidential Information of the requires character of confidentiality
- 9. The Covenintor warrants that it has full legal capacity to provide the promises, undertakings, acknowledgments and warranties contained herein.
- 10. Where the Covenantor is not a patural person, the Covenantor warrants that its execution of this Deed is in the proper form and that it believes and intends that it will be bound by the provisions hereof.



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- 11. The Covenantor promises to actify the Covenances immediately if any warrantly commined in this Deed ceases to be true and immediately if any promise, acknowledgment or undertaking contained in this Deed is breached or is not performed as and when required by this Deed to be performed.
- 12. The Covenantor acknowledges and agrees that the promises, undertakings, acknowledgments and warranties contained herein are for the benefit of the Covenamoes and may be pleaded by any person entitled to the benefit of this Deed in bur to any chain by the Covenantor or any person claiming through the Coversorer.
- B. The Covenantor agrees that:
 - the obligations of confidence on the part of the Covenantor in this Deed (8) shall committee:
 - **(i)** in the case of Confidential Information in respect of which any of the Covenemess owes a duty of confidentiality to any person, until the last to coor of the following: .
 - (A) 3 years from the date hercoft
 - **(B)** the date the duty of confidentiality expires or is discharged; and
 - in the case of all other Confidential Information, for a period of 3 years from the date hereof.

norwithstanding any withdrawal of the Candidats from, or that the Candidate is not selected to participate in any stage of the Proposed Sale or any sale of, or decision not to sell the DBNGP Assets to any person and that in all other respects the terms and conditions of this Deed, including, without limitation, the warranties, indemnities, promises, acknowledgments and undertakings, shall continue;

(b) if the Candidate notifies the Covenances that it is withdrawing from, or the Candidate is not selected to participate in any stage in, the Proposed Sale, the Covenantor shall promptly return all of the Confidential Information and shall act in accordance with any direction received from the Covenences or either of them under clause 1(d).

AND THE PROVISIONS of this Doed will be construed and enforced in accordance with the following principles:

"Aliens Gas" means the Gas Corporation, a body corporate constituted by the Gas Corporation Act 1994 of Level 7, 1 William Street, Perth, Western Australia

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- 15. "Rid" means an indicative or final offer or tender to any the DBNGP Assets or any part of them by any person.
- 16. "Confidential Internation" means:
 - (a) the terms of this Deed, any Information Memorandum and the information contained in it and any letter accompanying any Information Memorandum, and all other information given or made available to the Covenantor or any person sesing on behalf of the Covenantor in connection with the Purpose of Proposed Sale;
 - **(P)** all other information relating to the Purpose or Proposed Sale including without limitation, information relating to any evaluation process in respect of the DRNGP Assets, the timetable for the Proposed Sale, Bid rules, any Bid, whether or not a Candidate is, was or has withdrawn from being involved in the Proposed Sale, details of the accordation of any contract relating to the sale of the DBNGP Assets and the terms of such contract, and any assessment, opinion or conclusion taken, derived, developed or made by any person from any Confidential Information; and
 - **(c)** Intellectual Property Rights in the information and knowledge referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b),

except for:

- **(b)** any information which was in the public domain prior to its disclosure to the Covenantor or, which after such disclosure, enters the public domain through no act or omission of the Covenantor or any of the persons referred to in clause 2 of this Doed:
- (e) any information provided to the Covenantor (without restriction as to ins use or disclosure by the Covenantor) by a third party who is legally entitled to possess the Confidential Information and provide it to the Coverantor on such basis.
- 17. "Covenantees" means the State and AlintaGas, except in clause 7, in which cianse it also includes AlimaGer directors and all of the employees, external consultants and advisers of the Covenantees or any of them.
- 18. "DENGP" means the Dampier to Bunhury Natural Gas Pipeline owned and operated by AlimtaGas.
- "DENGP Assets" mems the DENGP together with the related assets, 19. liabilities, rights and obligations which the State intends to offer for sale.



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- 20. "GPSSC" means the Gas Pipeline Sale Steering Committee.
- 21. "Information Memorandum" mems any document described as an information memorandum, or which otherwise deals with or contains information regarding the Proposed Sale, which has been or may be made available in connection with the Proposed Sale.
- 22. "Intellectual Property Rights" means any rights in relation to any copyright, trade mark, design, drawing, patent, know-how, secret process and any other similar proprietary rights and the rights to the registration of the rights, whether created, formed or arising before or after the data of this Deed.
- 23. "person" will be taken to include a body corporate, an unincorporated association, a firm or partnership (whether limited or unlimited) and an authority or organisation notwithstanding that any of them may not be legal persons and includes a person's executors, administrators, heirs, successors and actions.
- 24. "Proposed Sale" means the proposed sale of the DBNGP Assets and includes, without Emitation:
 - the entire process and each of the stages of that process by which the **(2)** sale of the DRNGP Assets is conducted, effected or implemented;
 - **(b)** the sale of shares in a company which owns all or any part of the DBNGP Assets or is otherwise associated with the operation and maintenance of the DBNG Assets.
- 25. "State" means the State of Western Australia, including, without limitation, any representative of the Crown in right of the State of Western Australia, or any minister, government department, standary authority or governmental officer, municipal or local-authority or instrumentality of the State, or any person exercising or purporting to exercise powers conferred under laws of the State of Western Australia.
- 26. A reference to the publishing or disclosing of information will be taken to include a reference to the dissemination or communication of that information in any martner or form whatsoever.
- **27**. A reference to the copying or storage of information will be taken to refer to any form of reproduction, copying or storage, including withour limitation, reproduction, copying or storage in electronically essisted, or magnetic form or microform.

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- 28. A reference to Confidential Information includes a reference to the whole or part thereof, and extends to include the Intellectual Property Rights in the Confidential Information
- 29. Where two or more persons undertake an obligation or give a warranty, they do so jointly and severally, and an obligation or warranty in favour of two or more persons benefits them jointly and severally. A word importing a gender includes every other gender.
- 30. This Deed will be governed by and construed and rake effect in accordance with the laws of Wosters Australia and the applicable laws of the Commonweith
- 31. The waiver of any right arising from a breach of this Deed or of any right, power, authority, discretion or remedy arising upon default under this Deed must be in writing and signed by the purry granting the waiver. A failure or delay in capacise, or pertial experies, of a right arising from a breach of this Dead, or a right, power, authority, discretion or remedy created or arising upon default under this Deed, does not result in a wriver of that right, power, authority, discretion or remedy.
- 32. Any notice or consent required to be given under this Deed must be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly made or given if sent by facsimile clearly marked "Wigent", to a person at the following destinations (and is deemed to have been received on the date of transmission provided the sender's faccimile machine produced a simultaneous report of complete and satisfactory transmission):
 - **(**3) The State and AlintaGer:

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(612) 9486 3199

Attention:

Mr G Baker

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