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Attention: Mr R Püllella

Draft Decision on the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline Access Arrangement

We read with interest the recent decision by your office to reduce the tariff that can be levied on those who wish to use the DBNGP.

As a supplier of transport and ancillary services to Epic's operations we are very concerned about the recent decision by your office to reduce the tariff proposed by Epic. The decision of your office will not only impact on Epic but also on companies like ours in this State.

We believe that community's interests are best served in ensuring that all sections of the community are fairly treated. This includes not only the consumer but also the investors and those who provide services. It is our opinion that the imposition of tariffs that result in organisations being driven to operate in a financially stressed environment does not serve the interest of the community.

Whilst ours is perhaps a position of vested interest we believe that we are not alone and that others are effected similarly. We trust therefore that you will consider the wider effects of this decision.

We urge you to reconsider the content of your draft decision when making the final decision. We fully support Epic Energy.

Sincerely,

Marc Cardaci
Managing Director

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