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Office of Gas Access Regulation,
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SUBJECT: OFFGAR Draft Decision on the DBNGP Pipeline

Dear Sir,

I am angered to say the least that a so-called deal and price be set by one Government and now it is to be recommended by another, to be changed to a much lesser price.

My understanding of the deal between Epic Energy and the WA Government is that at the time there was a fair tender put in by Epic for the WA pipeline and in return a set cost for GJ, and now it is proposed to be reduced to a much lesser price.

How can Epic Energy or any other company be expected to expand and grow when their income is to be eroded away like this? Epic Energy works and operates in some of the harshest areas in Australia and its employees are true Australians that are paying their taxes.

We like many other small private family owned companies would be severely affected by Epic having a reduced income. Epic's running costs are very high, millions of dollars per year, maintaining services in these harsh areas as they have to battle extreme weather conditions etc.

Epic Energy has stuck to their end of the bargain moving their corporate office to Perth and have been since won tenders developing and expanding their operations not only in WA but all over Australia.

Please give Epic Energy a fair hearing as I believe Epic has kept their side of the bargain.

Please don't risk the expansion of natural gas in Australia and hopefully Timor.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Carter
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