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## **NOTICE**

# Goldfields Gas Pipeline Tariff Variation 1 January to 30 June 2006

On 16 February and 10 March 2006, Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (GGT) submitted notices to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) regarding the escalation of the Reference Tariff for the Reference Service on the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP). Copies of these notices are attached.

The GGT notices advised that the Reference Tariff is to be varied in line with the terms set out in Clause 5.3 of the GGP Access Arrangement and the Reference Tariff inflation adjustment formula as defined in Clause 9.8 of the General Terms and Conditions of the GGP Access Arrangement.

The Authority does not propose to disallow the tariff variations submitted by GGT. Consequently, under section 8.3D of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems, the variation in reference tariffs come into effect 35 days after the date of GGT's notices. The tariff variation for the quarter ending 30 June becomes effective on 14 April 2006.

The tariff variations submitted by GGT increase the Reference Tariff by the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities) consistent with the tariff variation procedure set out in the GGP Access Arrangement.

The table below shows the 1 January to 30 June 2006 Reference Tariffs.

#### **GGT Reference Tariffs**

| Tariff   | Toll<br>(\$/GJ) | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>(\$/GJ km) | Throughput<br>(\$/GJ km) |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006                            | 0.250365        | 0.001431                              | 0.000371                 |
| 1 April 2006 to 30 June 2006 applicable from 14 April 2006 | 0.251702        | 0.001439                              | 0.000373                 |

Copies of the Access Arrangement, Terms and Conditions and Access Arrangement Information documents are available on the Authority's website (<a href="www.era.wa.gov.au">www.era.wa.gov.au</a>).

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Ref: DAK.ST.NL-0007

16 February 2006

Mr Lyndon Rowe Chairman Economic Regulation Authority Level 6, Governor Stirling Tower 197 St. George's Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Rowe

In accordance with Clause 5.3 of the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP) Access Arrangement, the GGP Reference Tariff was varied in accordance with the tariff escalation calculation as defined in the GGP Access Arrangement General Terms and Conditions Clause 9.8 as follows:

$$C_t = C_{t-1} x \left[ \frac{CPI_{t-2}}{CPI_{t-3}} - X \right]$$

Where:

 $C_t$  is the relevant charge in the Quarter t in which the Billing Period occurs;

 $C_{t-1}$  is the relevant charge in the immediately preceding Quarter;

*CPI*<sub>t-2</sub> is the CPI for the Quarter ended three months prior to the commencement of Quarter t;

 $CPI_{t-3}$  is the CPI for the Quarter ended six months prior to the commencement of Quarter t; and

X is 0.0275 when t is the Quarter beginning 1 January 2001 and is zero otherwise.

The Reference Tariff applicable for the period t-1 is:

| Tariff                                | Toll<br>\$/GJ | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>\$/GJ km | Throughput<br>\$/GJ km |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 October 2005 to<br>31 December 2005 | 0.248026      | 0.001417                            | 0.000369               |

The Reference Tariff applicable to the GGP from 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006

| Toll Charge =                       | 0.248026        | x        | 149.8    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| =                                   | 0.248026        | x        | 148.4    |
| =                                   | <b>0.250366</b> | \$/GJ    | 1.009434 |
| Capacity Reservation Charge = = = = | 0.001417        | x        | 149.8    |
|                                     | 0.001417        | x        | 148.4    |
|                                     | <b>0.001430</b> | \$/GJ/km | 1.009434 |
| Throughput Charge =                 | 0.000369        | x        | 149.8    |
| =                                   | 0.000369        | x        | 148.4    |
| =                                   | <b>0.000372</b> | \$/GJ/km | 1.009434 |

| Tariff                          | Toll<br>\$/GJ | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>\$/GJ km | Throughput<br>\$/GJ km |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 | 0.250366      | 0.001430                            | 0.000372               |

Yours sincerely

David A King General Manager



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10 March 2006

Mr L Rowe Chairman Economic Regulation Authority Level 6, Governor Stirling Tower 197 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Rowe

Goldfields Gas Pipeline - Notification of Tariff Variation Period: 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006

I refer to our letter dated 16 February 2006 (Ref DAK.ST.NL.007) in which GGT notified the Authority of the GGP Reference Tariff variation. I wish to advise that there was a slight difference in the tariff escalation calculation and that the revised tariffs have been recalculated and provided below:

$$C_{t} = C_{t-1} \quad x \quad \left\lceil \frac{CPI_{t-2}}{CPI_{t-3}} - X \right\rceil$$

Where:

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CPI<sub>t-3</sub> is the CPI for the Quarter ended six months prior to the commencement of Quarter t; and

X is 0.0275 when t is the Quarter beginning 1 January 2001 and is zero otherwise.

The Reference Tariff applicable for the period *t-1* is:

| Tariff            | Toll<br>\$/GJ | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>\$/GJ km | Throughput<br>\$/GJ km |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 October 2005 to |               |                                     |                        |
| 31 December 2005  | 0.248025      | 0.001418                            | 0.000368               |

The Reference Tariff applicable to the GGP from 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006

| Tariff                          | Toll<br>\$/GJ | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>\$/GJ km | Throughput<br>\$/GJ km |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 | 0.250365      | 0.001431                            | 0.000371               |

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|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 | 0.250365      | 0.001431                            | 0.000371               |

The Reference Tariff applicable to the GGP from 1 April 2006 to 30 June 2006

| Toll Tariff =                       | 0.250365        | x         | 150.6    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| =                                   | 0.250365        | x         | 149.8    |
| =                                   | <b>0.251702</b> | \$/GJ     | 1.005340 |
| Capacity Reservation Tariff = = = = | 0.001431        | x         | 150.6    |
|                                     | 0.001431        | x         | 149.8    |
|                                     | <b>0.001439</b> | \$/GJ/km  | 1.005340 |
| Throughput Tariff =                 | 0.000371        | X         | 150.6    |
| =                                   | 0.000371        | X         | 149.8    |
| =                                   | 0.000373        | \$/G.1/km | 1.005340 |

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