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NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ALINTAGAS ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR MID AND SOUTH WEST GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS

This is to advise that a further extension of time has been granted to allow sufficient time for parties to make submissions in respect of the proposed Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information for the AlintaGas Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Networks.

Given that a number of requests have been received for an extension of time raising issues only recently identified and considering the detailed nature of the proposed AlintaGas Access Arrangement, it is considered appropriate that a further extension of time for submissions be provided.

This extension of time for submissions is granted in accordance with section 7.19 of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* and is for a period of 14 days until 4 pm Thursday 2 September 1999 Western Standard Time.

AlintaGas lodged its proposed Access Arrangement and Access Arrangement Information on 30 June 1999. Public submissions were called on 7 July 1999 to close at 4 pm Thursday 5 August 1999. The Notice calling for public submissions was placed on the *OffGAR* web site (www.offgar.wa.gov.au) and appeared in the West Australian and Australian newspapers on Wednesday 7 July 1999. The closing date for submissions was subsequently extended to 4 pm Thursday 19 August 1999.

Confidentiality

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In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the *OffGAR* web site. Where an interested party wishes to keep part or all of the contents of a submission confidential, it should indicate these parts clearly. However, where the information is not considered to be 'unduly harmful' to the legitimate business interests of any party, the submission may be returned to the party making the submission with the option of revising or withdrawing it.



Format for Submissions

Submissions with comments on the proposed Access Arrangement should be in both written and electronic form, preferably in Microsoft Word 6.0 or Word 97 and addressed to:

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