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NOTICE

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TUBRIDGI PIPELINE SYSTEM RING FENCING ARRANGEMENTS – EXTENSION OF TIME

The Tubridgi Joint Venture Parties (Tubridgi Parties) have made application for an extension of time to allow them sufficient time to finalise a Management Agreement between the Tubridgi Parties and Origin Energy Asset Management Ltd (OEAM) for OEAM to take administrative responsibility for the Tubridgi Pipeline System. Such an agreement is conditional on my issuing a notice under section 4.15 of the Code granting a waiver of the ring fencing obligations required by sections 4.1(b), 4.1(h) and 4.1(i) of the Code in respect of the Tubridgi Pipeline System (Licence Numbers WA: PL 16 and 19). Other non-regulatory activities will continue to be performed by Origin Energy Resources Ltd as a contractor to the Tubridgi Parties.

The Tubridgi Parties have advised that they are close to finalising the Management Agreement in accordance with the Final Decision on the application for waiver of specified ring fencing obligations lodged by Origin Energy Resources Ltd (Origin Energy). The Tubridgi Joint Venture Parties require some additional time beyond 31 March 2001 to conclude this agreement.

Accordingly, under section 7.19 of the Code, I have decided to grant a further extension of time for the Tubridgi Parties to comply with the requirements of section 4.1(b), (h) and (i) of the *National Gas Pipelines Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (the Code). Section 4.1 (b) relates to the Service Provider not being permitted to carry on a Related Business and Sections 4.1 (h) and (i) involve the separation of Marketing Staff of the Service Provider of the Tubridgi Pipeline System from the Marketing Staff of any Related Business.

This extension of time applies from 1 April 2001 to 30 April 2001.

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