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NOTICE

INFORMATION PAPER TO ASSIST WITH PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED FULL RETAIL CONTESTABILITY COSTS ALINTAGAS NETWORKS PTY LTD

Further to my earlier notice of 30 June 2003, I have today issued an information paper to assist interested parties with the preparation of their submissions on the proposal by AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd (“AGN”) that seeks my binding approval, under section 8.21 of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (“Code”), to the costs of developing systems associated with the introduction of Full Retail Contestability (“FRC”) in Western Australia. The effect of an approval under section 8.21 of the Code would be to have the costs of this investment by AGN added to its capital base when its Access Arrangement is reviewed. At that time reference tariffs for use of the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems would be adjusted accordingly.

The information paper provides a brief outline of the AGN proposal and outlines the process that I will follow when assessing the proposal against the specific criteria in the Code.

Available Documentation and Invitation to Comment

Copies of the information paper and the AGN proposal are available at no cost from the Office of Gas Access Regulation (OffGAR) web site (www.offgar.wa.gov.au). Printed copies of the documentation are available directly from OffGAR for \$10.00 per copy. Requests for the document can be made to:

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Please note that submissions must be received by 4pm Friday 1 August 2003 Western Standard Time.

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