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Dear Regulator

DRAFT REGULATORY DECISION

This Council has become aware of your draft decision in which the price of gas delivery will be considerably less than that proposed by Epic Energy. It is understood that were such a decision to come in to effect then it may have significant negative consequences for the future regional development of the gas industry in Western Australia.

The Council has no interest in supporting the commercial benefits available to Epic Energy or any other gas producer/transporter. It is however concerned that any alteration in the tariff for the transmission of gas along the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline could be seen as restrictive to industry development where there is reliance on natural gas as an energy source.

It therefore urges careful consideration of your decision such that there is minimal impact upon developments within this State.

Yours faithfully

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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