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Office of Gas Regulation
PO Box 8469
Perth Business Centre
PERTH WA 6849

Dear Sir,

RE: GAS TRANSPORT TARIFFS

I manage a small company who supply equipment to the Oil & Gas Industry here in Western Australia. As a manufacturer's representative, we have jurisdictions and business opportunity only in this state.

We are concerned when any political situation is likely to threaten our future viability. The cost of energy is obviously a highly politically charged issue and everybody wants to pay less. All businesses understand and support the concept of "Cost Saving" through greater efficiency, but choking the supplier whether big or small, will only create pullout, bankruptcy, eventual monopoly and higher prices.

It disturbs us that the regulator is contemplating a dual tariff regime, which will not only stifle development of business as the pipeline spreads, but also deprive remote communities and towns of the benefit of Natural Gas.

We do want Albany to have Natural Gas, and we do want to see increased development in remote areas based on an economical supply of gas. You will not achieve this unless your Transporter and its suppliers are allowed to make a fair and equitable profit.

Please re-think your position.

Yours faithfully,

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