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NOTICE ALINTAGAS MID-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS ACCESS ARRANGEMENT EXTENSION OF TIME

AlintaGas submitted an Access Arrangement on 30 June 1999 for approval by the WA Independent Gas Pipelines Access Regulator (the Regulator) under the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems ("the Code").

The Access Arrangement describes the terms and conditions under which AlintaGas will provide access to the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems to third parties.

The Regulator issued a Draft Decision on 14 March 2000, and called for submissions from interested parties.

Section 2.21 of the Code requires the Regulator to complete a Final Decision within 6 months of the receipt of the proposed Access Arrangement, but section 2.22 allows the Regulator to extend this period by up to 2 months on one or more occasions. The assessment period is currently due to expire on 30 April 2000 and a further extension is required.

Accordingly, I have decided, pursuant to section 2.22 of the Code, to extend the period of assessment by a further two months from 30 April 2000 to 30 June 2000.

Please direct any inquiries to Mr Robert Pullella (08) 9213 1944.

**KEN MICHAEL
GAS ACCESS REGULATOR**

14 April 1999

