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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.

Section 2.21 of the Code requires the Regulator to complete his Decision within 6 months of the receipt of the proposed Access Arrangement (ie by 31 December 1999), but section 2.22 allows the Regulator to extend this period by up to 2 months on one or more occasions. I previously approved a two-month extension on 20 December 1999, which is due to expire on 29 February 2000.

A further extension is required and I have decided, pursuant to section 2.22 of the Code, to extend the period of assessment by a further two months to 30 April 2000.

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

KEN MICHAEL GAS ACCESS REGULATOR

28 February 2000

