

NOTICE

Extension of Time

Access Arrangement for the Kalgoorlie to Kambalda Gas Pipeline (Licence Number WA: PL 27)

On 19 April 2004, Southern Cross Pipelines Australia Pty Ltd (SCPA), owner and operator of the Kalgoorlie to Kambalda Gas Pipeline, was granted an extension of time to lodge a proposed Access Arrangement until the earlier of:

- two years from 1 July 2004 (being 1 July 2006); or
- a date which is 90 days after the date on which a User or Prospective User approaches the Regulator to seek access to this pipeline.

On 31 March 2006, SCPA made application for a two year extension of time to submit a proposed Access Arrangement and an extension of time to comply with ring fencing obligations for this pipeline with similar terms and conditions to those currently applying.

After considering all the relevant issues, the Authority has granted an extension of time to lodge an Access Arrangement until the earlier of:

- two years from 1 July 2006 (being 1 July 2008); or
- a date which is 90 days after the date on which a User or Prospective User approaches the Regulator to seek access to this pipeline.

This extension of time is granted pursuant to section 7.19 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code).

In relation to SCPA's request for an extension of time to comply with ring fencing obligations, the Code provides discretion for the Authority to extend the time for compliance with the ring fencing obligations in sections 4.1(a), (b), (h) and (i), of the Code. The Authority understands that SCPA is compliant with these ring fencing obligations. Therefore, the Authority does not need to grant an extension of time for compliance with these obligations.

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