

NOTICE

Final Technical Rules for Western Power's South West Interconnected Network

The Economic Regulation Authority today approved and published Final Technical Rules for Western Power's regulated electricity networks in the South West Interconnected System. The Technical Rules come into operation on 1 July 2007.

Technical Rules are the standards, procedures and planning criteria governing the construction and operation of a network. The *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* provides the framework for preparing, reviewing and approving the Technical Rules and outlines the process the Authority must follow.

The Final Technical Rules published by the Authority today are based on the draft technical rules that have been amended, in consultation with Western Power, to ensure that they are efficient, consistent and comply with the Code. The Final Technical Rules also take into consideration submissions received from interested parties, the Technical Rules Committee's Final Report and advice from the Authority's technical advisers, PB Associates and McGill Engineering Services. In approving the Final Technical Rules, the Authority is satisfied that the Final Technical Rules comply with chapter 12 of the Access Code and the Code objective.

The Authority has also published a [decision](#) to accompany the [Final Technical Rules](#) and both documents are available on the Authority's web site. The [Technical Rules Committee's Final Report](#) is also available on the Authority's [web site](#).

PUBLIC INFORMATION SEMINAR

The Authority is proposing to hold a Public Information Seminar on Western Power's access arrangement which may include discussion on the Technical Rules. If there are sufficient parties expressing interest, a Public Information Seminar will be arranged.

The Authority therefore requests parties register their interest by **4:00pm on Thursday, 10 May 2007** by email to public.seminar@era.wa.gov.au or by fax on (08) 9213 1999. It would be helpful if parties provide details of aspects of the Technical Rules that they wish the Public Information Seminar to cover when registering their interest.

The Authority will place a notice on its web site on **Monday, 28 May 2007** advising whether a Public Forum will be held. A copy of this notice will be emailed to those who have registered their interest with the Authority.

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