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NOTICE

Call for Submissions on Proposed Gas Compliance Reporting Manual for Western Australian Gas Licensees

The Economic Regulation Authority has issued a <u>draft Gas Compliance Reporting Manual</u> and, as the regulator responsible for administering Western Australia's gas licensing scheme, is seeking public comments.

The Manual sets out the compliance and reporting requirements of gas trading and distribution licensees under various legislative and regulatory provisions. One of its purposes is to help licensees meet their obligations, and the Manual seeks to provide:

- greater clarity through a consolidated list of licence terms and conditions, including a reference to the source document from where they are derived;
- details of the information that licensee's must report to the Authority; and
- the basis on which the Authority will monitor and report licence compliance to the Minster for Energy.

The proposed manual includes details of the licensees':

- compliance reporting requirements, including the timing and format of reporting; and
- licence conditions and obligations.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the detail of the proposed licence manual, including:

- the appropriateness of the reporting arrangements;
- the timeframe to report on each licence obligation (eg. Type 1, Type 2 or Not Reportable); and
- the completeness of the licence conditions and obligations as identified.

The Authority intends to publish information and produce reports based on performance reporting data collected under Section 14 of the Manual.

The draft licence reporting manual should be read in conjunction with the new gas licences, which are being issued following an extensive consultation process. Those issued with licences before July 2007 have now been given the proposed replacement licences. To assist interested parties in providing comments on the manual, templates of the replacement gas trading and gas distribution licences are also available on the Authority's web site.

The proposed reporting manual is available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>. Printed copies are also available directly from the Authority for \$25.00 per set.

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and should be received by **Friday 17 August 2007**, addressed to:

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim.

The receipt and publication of any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or in part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority in these circumstances.

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