

# Approval of Origin Energy Retail Ltd Gas Standard Form Contract

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## DECISION

1. The Authority approves the Gas Standard Form Contract submitted by Origin Energy Retail Ltd.

## REASONS

2. In June 2006, Origin Energy LPG Ltd ACN 000 508 369 submitted applications for a distribution and trading licence to the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) for the supply of gas to Gas Supply Area 4 (Mid West), in particular Kalbarri, Northampton.
3. Origin Energy LPG Ltd failed to submit with its original trading licence application a draft of the Standard Form Contract under which it proposed to sell electricity to its small use customers, as required under section 11WD of the *Energy Coordination Act 1994*.
4. On 11 April 2007, Origin Energy LPG Ltd submitted additional information in relation to its licence applications, including a draft Standard Form Contract.
5. The additional information included a request that any licence and Standard Form Contract be granted to Origin Energy Retail Ltd ABN 22 078 868 425.
6. On 22 May 2007, the Authority released a Notice inviting public submissions on the draft Standard Form Contract submitted by Origin Energy Retail Ltd. A copy of this Notice was sent to all Interested Parties registered to receive such information and was placed on the Authority's web site.
7. In accordance with the Authority's *Public Consultation Guidelines – For Electricity, Gas & Water Licences and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts (July 2006)*, the Authority provided a public consultation period of at least 15 business days.
8. Public submissions to the Authority, regarding the draft Standard Form Contract, closed at 5pm on Wednesday, 13 June 2007.
9. The Authority received submissions from:
  - Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS)
  - Office of Energy
10. In addition, the Authority engaged Lavan Legal to undertake a compliance review on the Standard Form Contract with regulations in respect of such contracts or any other written law or any term, condition or provision of the retail licence.
11. As a result of the public consultation process and the legal review of the Standard Form Contract, Origin Energy Retail Ltd submitted to the Authority a revised version of its proposed Standard Form Contract.
12. The Authority has considered the Standard Form Contract, public submissions and the review undertaken by Lavan Legal and is satisfied that the Standard Form Contract proposed by Origin Energy Retail Ltd meets the requirements of section 11WF(2) of the Act.