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# NOTICE

## **Invitation for Public Submissions**

### **Review of the REMCo Gas Retail Market Scheme**

The Economic Regulation Authority has released an issues paper, which is available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>, on the review of the Retail Energy Market Company (REMCo) gas Retail Market Scheme (RMS).

REMCo is the gas retail market administrator for South Australia and Western Australia.

The company's gas RMS began on 31 May 2004 with the implementation of full retail contestability for gas in Western Australia. The scheme ensures that a retail gas market supplied through a distribution system is regulated and operated in an open and competitive way and is efficient and fair to gas market participants and their customers.

The Authority is responsible for administering Part 2B of the *Energy Coordination Act 1994* which deals with implementing and operating gas retail market schemes. Under the Act, the Authority must review a scheme as soon as practicable after the third anniversary of it starting. The Act is available from the State Law Publisher's <u>web site</u>.

A copy of the REMCo retail market rules is available on the REMCo web site.

#### **Public Submissions**

The issues paper outlines several matters on which the Authority invites submissions from interested parties. Questions are raised throughout the paper and interested parties are invited to comment on any of the issues they consider relevant to the review.

All submissions should be in electronic and hard copy form and must be received by **4:00pm** (Western Standard Time) on Friday 28 September 2007.

Written submissions should be mailed to:

Mr Lyndon Rowe Chairman Economic Regulation Authority PO Box 8469 Perth BC WA 6849

Electronic submissions should be made to: michael.styles@era.wa.gov.au

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 publication of a 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 part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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