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NOTICE

Western Power 330kV Mid-West Augmentation

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority today released an <u>issues paper</u> to help interested parties prepare submissions on Western Power's proposal for a major augmentation to increase power supply capacity to the Mid-West region of Western Australia.

The company proposes to build a 330kV transmission line from Pinjar to Geraldton, with associated works, by November 2010.

The augmentation proposal was submitted to the Authority under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* for a determination on whether it satisfies the Regulatory Test. This is an assessment of whether the proposed augmentation of the transmission network, after considering alternative options, maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West Interconnected Network.

Western Power's augmentation proposal and related documents are available from the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

ISSUES PAPER

The issues paper has been prepared to assist interested parties in understanding Western Power's major augmentation proposal, the Authority's intended approach to assessment of the proposal and some of the major issues to be addressed in determining whether the regulatory test is satisfied.

INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the Authority by 4pm (WST) Wednesday, 21 November 2007.

The Authority will consider all submissions that are received by the due date, before issuing its final regulatory test determination by 7 December 2007.

Submissions should be sent in printed form to:

Ms Karen Tilsed A/Manager Projects Electricity Access Economic Regulation Authority PO Box 8469 Perth BC WA 6849 Electronic submissions can be emailed to midwestregtest@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 upon which the claim is made.

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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