

NOTICE

Gas Exchangeability in Western Australia

GAS QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS OF INTERCONNECTED PIPELINE SYSTEMS

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) today released the above paper. This paper has been issued in the interests of advancing the debate in economic regulation, recognising that matters of gas quality impact on access to gas pipelines.

Gas quality is required to be considered by the Authority as part of the terms and conditions of arrangements that provide third party access to natural gas pipelines in Western Australia. The Authority is scheduled to commence the five year review of access arrangements for regulated pipeline systems in early 2009. The formal review for the first two of these systems is due to be completed in late 2009. As the time for undertaking reviews will be subject to strict time constraints, with time limits to be put in place under new legislation expected to be introduced early next year, the Authority intends progressing preliminary consultation at an early stage, particularly on complex issues such as gas quality. Section 2.1 of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* provides for such consultation.

Following a limited distribution of the draft paper, many written and verbal comments were received which were generally supportive of the views presented in the paper. This paper has now been updated to reflect the comments received. A copy of this [updated paper](#) and, to the extent possible, copies of the written comments received are available from the Authority's [web site](#).

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