

## NOTICE

### EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS OF NON-COVERED NETWORKS TO SUBMIT TECHNICAL RULES

The Economic Regulation Authority today granted service providers of non-covered networks an extension of three months, to 25 April 2008, to submit a notice indicating adoption of either Western Power's technical rules or submission of their own technical rules to the Authority for approval.

The Authority approved Western Power's technical rules on 26 April 2007 as part of the corporation's access arrangement that was submitted under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

The access code requires service providers of non-covered networks that are part of an interconnected system containing one or more covered networks to have technical rules. Technical rules govern the operation of a network and the requirements to be met by distribution and transmission systems, including the planning criteria to be applied to them.

On 26 October 2007, the Authority issued a notice granting service providers of non-covered networks an extension of 3 months to 25 January 2008 to submit a notice indicating adoption of either Western Power's technical rules or submission of their own technical rules. In an amendment to the access code gazetted on 25 January 2008, the Authority has been given the power under section 12.7 to further extend the time period for service providers of non-covered networks to submit technical rules. A new section 12.8A has been added which permits the Authority to extend the time on one or more occasions at its discretion to any date on or before 25 September 2008.

The Authority has been advised that further amendments to the access code are being considered to clarify which service providers of non-covered networks are required to have technical rules. A further notice will be issued when this clarification and amendments to the access code have been gazetted.

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