

NOTICE

Western Power 66/11kV Medical Centre Zone Substation Augmentation

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE REGULATORY TEST

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined that applying the regulatory test for Western Power's proposed major augmentation, for a 66/11 kV medical centre zone substation expansion and voltage conversion of the distribution network, would be contrary to the test's objectives.

This was because:

- there are no, nor are there likely to be any viable alternatives; and
- the nature of the funding means that the augmentation will not cause a net cost to those who generate, transport and consume electricity.

In accordance with section 9.23(f) of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*, the Authority has decided to waive the application of the regulatory test in this instance.

The Authority's [determination](#) and Western Power's application (received by the Authority on 27 March 2008) are available on the Authority's [web site](#).

Under the Access Code, a service provider must not commit to a major augmentation before the Authority determines, or is deemed to determine, that it satisfies the regulatory test. This is an assessment of whether the proposed augmentation maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West Interconnected Network after alternative options have been considered.

A person may, under the regulatory test, ask the Authority to decide whether the application of the test should be expedited, modified or waived because the augmentation would be contrary to the objectives of the test.

For further information contact:

General Enquiries

Ms Karen Tilsed
A/Assistant Director (Electricity)
Ph: 61 8 9213 1900
Fax: 61 8 9213 1999

Media Enquiries

Mr Paul Byrne
Byrne & Byrne Corporate Communications
Ph: 61 8 9336 2081
Mb: 0417 922 452

LYNDON ROWE
CHAIRMAN

15 April 2008