

NOTICE

Western Power 330kV Mid-West Augmentation New Facilities Investment Test

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority has invited submissions on Western Power's application for a new facilities investment test for its 330kV Mid-West augmentation, which it has submitted under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

ISSUES PAPER

In response to Western Power's application, which was received by the Authority on 9 April 2008, the Authority has released an [issues paper](#) to help interested parties prepare submissions.

The issues paper and Western Power's application are available on the Authority's [web site](#).

INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the Authority by 4pm (WST) Monday, 9 June 2008. Following receipt of submissions on the issues paper, the Authority will prepare a draft determination.

Submissions should be sent in printed form to:

330kV Mid-West New Facilities Investment Test
Electricity Access
Economic Regulation Authority
PO Box 8469
Perth BC WA 6849

Electronic submissions can be emailed to midwestnfit@era.wa.gov.au

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being 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.

NEW FACILITIES INVESTMENT TEST

“New facilities investment” is the capital cost of developing, constructing and acquiring a new facility to enable the utility to provide covered services.

The new facilities investment test determines whether, or to what extent, investment associated with a new facility can be added (rolled in) to the capital base of a covered (regulated) network and recovered through network tariffs.

Under the Access Code, a service provider may at any time apply to the Authority to conduct a new facilities investment test in relation to actual or forecast new facilities investment. On receiving an application, the Authority must make and publish a determination within a reasonable time after having consulted with the public.

On 7 December 2007 the Authority determined that Western Power’s proposal for a 330kV transmission line and associated works in the Mid-West region of Western Australia satisfied the Regulatory Test (an assessment, which precedes the new facilities investment test, of whether the proposed augmentation maximised the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West Interconnected Network after alternative options have been considered).

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