

NOTICE

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

The Economic Regulation Authority has granted service providers of non-covered networks a further extension of time 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 further extension is for two months, to 25 September 2008.

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. These 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.

In an amendment to the Access Code gazetted on 25 January 2008, the Authority was given the power under section 12.7 to further extend the time period for service providers of non-covered networks to submit technical rules on one or more occasions at its discretion to any date on or before 25 September 2008.

On 17 July 2008, the Authority published a notice advising that the Office of Energy was seeking comment from stakeholders and interested parties on amendments to the Access Code. The proposed amendments include amendments to clarify which non-covered networks require technical rules and how model technical rules may be developed and adopted. A further notice will be issued when this clarification and amendments to the Access Code have been gazetted.

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