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## **NOTICE**

## Extension of Time - Access Arrangement WA Gas Networks Pty Ltd (formerly AlintaGas) Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems

The Economic Regulation Authority today approved a request by WA Gas Networks Pty Ltd (WAGN) for a six-month extension to submit revisions for the proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS).

The extension will be from 31 March to 30 September 2009. The anticipated completion date for the review of the access arrangement revisions will therefore be 1 July 2010, instead of 1 January 2010.

WAGN said its main reason for the extension was to allow it to submit the access arrangement revisions after the proposed new national gas legislation comes into effect in Western Australia. The legislation is currently before the Western Australian Parliament. The company said the extension would also allow it to better take account of the recent significant changes in the State's economic conditions.

Reference tariffs for users of the GDS will remain fixed at the levels set for 2009 with revised reference tariffs to apply from when the revisions start.

WAGN submitted its <u>application</u> for the extension on 4 February 2009. The Authority granted it under section 7.19 of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems*.

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