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NOTICE

Goldfields Gas Pipeline - Proposed Revised Access Arrangement

The Economic Regulation Authority has received a proposed revised access arrangement and access arrangement information for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP).

The material was submitted by Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (GGT), on behalf of Southern Cross Pipelines Australia Pty Ltd, Southern Cross Pipelines (NPL) Australia Pty Ltd and Alinta DEWAP Pty Ltd, on 23 March 2009.

GGT's lodgement letter is available on the Authority's [web site](#).

The GGP runs from compressor station 1 on the Dampier to Bunbury natural gas pipeline at Yarraloola to Kalgoorlie via the East Pilbara and the North East Goldfields regions.

GGT has submitted the revisions, which are scheduled to come into effect on 1 January 2010, for approval under *The National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems*. The current access arrangement required GGT to submit the revisions by 1 April 2009.

The Authority expects to publish the proposed revisions and invite public submissions on 2 April, subject to reviewing the documents for completeness in accordance with the access code.

GGT has advised the Authority that supporting submissions and a tariff model will be provided on 7 April. The Authority expects to publish the public versions of these documents, together with an issues paper to help parties prepare submissions, on its web site on 17 April 2009.

The access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which GGT will provide third party users access to the GGP. The access arrangement information is to help interested parties better understand GGT's proposed revisions. The Authority must assess these proposed revisions against the access code's requirements.

National Gas Access (Western Australia) Bill 2008

The *National Gas Access (Western Australia) Bill 2008* is currently before the Western Australian Parliament and will provide for the replacement of the access code. The Bill, which will govern the Authority's functions when it comes into effect, will also require the Authority to deal with proposed access arrangement revisions underway at that time as if the access code continued to apply and to administer the resultant access arrangement until there are future revisions to that access arrangement.

This effectively means that the Authority will review and administer the proposed revised access arrangement for the GGP under the access code, even if the access code is repealed

in the near future. When the GGP access arrangement is next revised (expected to be in 2014), the revisions will be assessed under the proposed new national gas access law.

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