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NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions Annual Wholesale Electricity Market Report to the Minister for Energy

DISCUSSION PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority is reviewing the effectiveness of the State's Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) and has released a discussion paper to help electricity market participants and other interested parties make submissions.

The discussion paper, with information on how to make a submission, is available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

The review is being conducted under the *Wholesale Electricity Market Rules*, which require the Authority to report at least annually to the Minister for Energy on the effectiveness of the WEM in meeting the wholesale market objectives.

The Authority is inviting public submissions on relevant matters and including matters raised in the discussion paper.

After considering the submissions, the Authority will prepare its report, which is scheduled to be presented to the Minister by the end of September 2009. The Authority will, after consulting with the Minister, publish a version of the report with confidential and sensitive data removed or aggregated. The public version of the report is scheduled to be released before the end of 2009.

Public Submissions

Submissions on matters raised in the discussion paper should be in both electronic and hard copy form and must be received by 4:00 pm (Western Standard Time) on Thursday 13 August 2009.

Written submissions should be mailed to:

Discussion Paper: Annual WEM Report to the Minister Economic Regulation Authority PO Box 8469 Perth Business Centre PERTH WA 6849

Electronic submissions should be made to: publicsubmissions@era.wa.gov.au

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as 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 for the claim.

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.

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