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NOTICE

Approval of the 2009 Energy Price Limits Review

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved the Energy Price Limits proposed by the Independent Market Operator (**IMO**) in its final report on the Review of Energy Price Limits for the Wholesale Electricity Market in the South-West Interconnected System. A copy of the Authority's decision explaining its rationale for the approval can be obtained from the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

The approved limits were \$276/MWh for the Maximum STEM Price and \$469/MWh for the Alternative Maximum STEM Price.

The Authority received the IMO's final report on 17 September 2009, accompanied by four public submissions received by the IMO, and a consultant's report prepared by McLennan Magasanik Associates.

Under the Wholesale Electricity Market Amending Rules (Market Rules), the Authority is required to:

- (a) review the report provided by the IMO, including all submissions it received in preparing the report; and
- (b) decide on whether or not to approve any value comprising the Energy Price Limits.

In making its decision, the Authority must consider:

- whether the revised values for the Energy Price Limits proposed by the IMO reasonably reflect the application of the method and guiding principles described in clause 6.20 of the Market Rules; and
- whether the IMO has carried out an adequate public consultation process.

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