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NOTICE

Time Extended for the Publication of a Final Decision on Western Power's Proposed Access Arrangement Revisions

The Economic Regulation Authority has extended the time for the publication of a final decision on Western Power's proposed access arrangement revisions by 30 business days.

On 16 July 2009, the Authority published its <u>draft decision</u> on Western Power's proposed access arrangement revisions, where the decision was to not approve the proposed revisions. Submissions in response to the draft decision are available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

Section 4.66(h) of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* allows the Authority to extend the time for the publication of a final decision by 30 business days, where the Authority determines that the requirements to do so are met.

The Authority considers that additional time is essential for due consideration of all matters relevant to its final decision, and is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to fully utilise the times and processes available. Relevant matters to be considered include those raised by interested parties in submissions in response to the draft decision, in particular Western Power's submission that contains additional proposed revisions to pricing periods, and an anticipated late submission from Western Power regarding a required amendment for a new reference service and reference tariff for bi-directional connection points.

In view of the above, the Authority advises that a final decision on Western Power's proposed access arrangement revisions will be published by Friday, 4 December 2009.

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