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NOTICE

Annual Compliance Reporting for Gas Pipelines

REGULATORY INFORMATION ORDER

The <u>National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009</u> (NGA) was proclaimed on 1 January 2010. The NGA amends and implements the National Gas Law (NGL). The amended NGL as it applies in Western Australia is referred to here as the NGL(WA). The NGA also gives effect to the <u>National Gas Rules</u> (NGR) as relevant to gas access regulation.

The NGA imposes a range of obligations on service providers of covered transmission and distribution pipeline services and implements similar legislation to that which exists in the rest of Australia.

Under the new legislation, the Authority intends to commence a consultation process in the first part of 2010 with the aim of introducing annual compliance reporting for service providers of covered gas pipelines in Western Australia.

An equivalent process has been undertaken in the rest of Australia through a regulatory information order (**RIO**) issued by the Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**) under the NGL. Information on the AER's RIO process, including its Regulatory Information Order and Guideline is available from its <u>web site</u>.

This above information will allow interested parties to become informed on this matter prior to being provided with the opportunity, under the formal consultation process set out under the NGA, to make submissions on the Authority's proposed draft RIO.

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