

~~Access Arrangement Information for
the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas
Pipeline¹~~



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~~1.~~⁵⁶ **INTRODUCTION**⁵⁷

1. ⁵⁸**INTRODUCTION**⁵⁹

1.1. This document comprises the Access Arrangement Information (**AAI**) for the revised Access Arrangement⁶⁰ for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline, approved by the ERA⁶¹ pursuant to the requirements of the ~~Gas Pipelines~~⁶² National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009 (NGA), the National Gas⁶³ Access (Western Australia) ~~Act 1998~~, which incorporates the ~~Law (NGL) and~~⁶⁵ National⁶⁶ ~~Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems ("Code"~~⁶⁷ Gas Rules 2009 (NGR)⁶⁸~~)~~⁶⁹.

2. ACCESS AND PRICING PRINCIPLES⁷⁰

2.1 Reference Services⁷¹

~~Section 3.3 of the Code requires the Access Arrangement for the DBNGP to offer a Reference Tariff for at least one Service sought by a significant part of the market ("Reference Service").~~⁷²

~~Reference tariffs are provided for three Reference Services:~~⁷³

- ~~• Full Haul T1 Service (T1 Service)~~⁷⁴
- ~~• Part Haul T1 Service (P1 Service)~~⁷⁵
- ~~• Back Haul T1 Service (B1 Service)~~⁷⁶

2.2 Non-Reference Services⁷⁷

~~The following Non-Reference Services are available to a Prospective Shipper subject to availability of Capacity:~~⁷⁸

- ~~• Spot Capacity Service;~~⁷⁹
- ~~• Park and Loan Service; and~~⁸⁰
- ~~• Seasonal Service~~⁸¹

~~The following Non-Reference Services are available to a Prospective Shipper subject to Operational Availability:~~⁸²

- ~~• Peaking Service;~~⁸³
- ~~• metering information service;~~⁸⁴
- ~~• pressure and temperature control service;~~⁸⁵
- ~~• odourisation service; and~~⁸⁶
- ~~• co-mingling service.~~⁸⁷

~~The Operator is prepared to negotiate to provide a Prospective Shipper with any other Service that is not a Reference Service.~~⁸⁸

~~In addition to the above Non-Reference Services, the Operator will provide services to shippers with Gas transportation contracts entered into~~⁸⁹ ~~before the commencement of the~~⁹⁰ Access Arrangement Period.⁹¹

~~3 — TARIFF DETERMINATION METHODOLOGY~~⁹²

~~3.1 — Tariff Structure~~⁹³

The Reference Tariff for each of the Reference Services is a two-part tariff as follows:⁹⁴

~~(a) — Capacity Reservation Tariff~~⁹⁵

~~The~~⁹⁶ ~~Capacity Reservation Tariff is a number of dollars per GJ of Contracted Capacity for the Reference Service~~^{97 98}.

Each Reference Service Shipper is to pay the Operator a Capacity Charge, which is to be calculated for each Gas Day by multiplying the aggregate of the Shipper's Delivery Point MDQs by the Capacity Reservation Tariff for the relevant Reference Service.⁹⁹

~~(b) — Commodity Tariff~~¹⁰⁰

~~The~~¹⁰¹ ~~Commodity Tariff is a number of dollars per GJ of gas actually Delivered to any~~¹⁰² ~~Delivery Point on the DBNGP.~~¹⁰³

Each Reference Service Shipper is to pay the Operator a Commodity Charge, which is to be calculated for each Gas Day by multiplying the aggregate of the quantity of gas delivered to the Shipper at a Delivery Point or Delivery Points by the Commodity Tariff for the relevant Reference Service.¹⁰⁴

The Capacity Reservation Tariff recovers from each Reference Service Shipper a proportion of the return and depreciation on, and a proportion of the non-capital costs¹⁰⁵ ~~incurred in operating and maintaining, the DBNGP~~¹⁰⁶. The Capacity Reservation Tariff essentially recovers the fixed costs of the DBNGP. The levels of these costs are determined by the total requirement for capacity to provide the Reference Service, and they are to be recovered on the basis of Reference Service Shippers' contracted capacity requirements.¹⁰⁷

The Commodity Tariff recovers from each Reference Service Shipper a proportion of the cost of the fuel gas used on the DBNGP. Fuel gas costs are the only variable costs associated with operation of the DBNGP. They are recovered from Reference Service Shippers on the basis of the quantity of gas delivered to these shippers.¹⁰⁸

~~3.2 — Cost Allocation and Distance-Based Tariffs~~¹⁰⁹

The Reference Tariffs have been determined under an assumption that all Shippers using Full Haul, Part Haul and Back Haul Services are users of the respective Reference Services.¹¹⁰

The Reference Tariffs for the P1 Service and B1 Service are determined as a proportion of the Reference Tariff for the T1 Service according to the following formula:¹¹¹

1.2. ¹¹² It revises the access arrangement information for covered pipeline services on the DBNGP that was drafted by the ERA on 15 December 2005 (Prior Access Arrangement Information).¹¹³

1.3. ¹¹⁴ In accordance with Rule 42 of the NGR, this AAI contains the information that is necessary for Shippers and Prospective Shippers.¹¹⁵

(a) ¹¹⁶ to understand the background to the access arrangement proposal; and¹¹⁷

(b) ¹¹⁸ to understand the basis and derivation of the various elements of the access arrangement proposal.¹¹⁹

~~where~~¹²⁰

~~F is the value of the charge that would apply if the Service were the full haul Reference Service¹²¹~~

~~D is the distance in kilometres of pipeline between the relevant Receipt Point and the relevant Delivery Point.¹²²~~

~~3.3 Incentive structures: price path¹²³~~

~~The Reference Tariff Policy set out in the Access Arrangement provides for Reference Tariff adjustment in accordance with a predetermined price path. The Reference Tariff will be adjusted annually during the Access Arrangement Period by 100 per cent of the increase in the CPI.¹²⁴~~

~~Price path regulation provides Operator with an incentive to minimise the costs of delivering the Reference Service. With the Reference Tariff constrained to increasing at 100 per cent of the increase in CPI, reductions in the cost of delivering the Reference Service increase profits, and these increases in profits are retained at least until the end of the Access Arrangement Period.¹²⁵~~

~~If Operator is able to increase demand for the Reference Service above the forecast quantities used in tariff determination, its revenue from sales will exceed the forecast revenue. To the extent that the increase in demand can be accommodated without a proportionate increase in cost, the Operator will generate higher than expected profits. These higher profits are retained at least until the end of the Access Arrangement Period.¹²⁶~~

~~3.4 Incentive structures: efficiency carryover¹²⁷~~

~~Additional incentives for efficiency improvement are provided by the inclusion of an efficiency carryover mechanism in the Reference Tariff Policy of the Access Arrangement. That mechanism provides, in accordance with section 8.44 of the Code, for a sharing of any returns to the Operator from the sale of Full Haul, Part Haul and Back Haul Services in an Access Arrangement Period that exceeded the level of returns that were expected during that Access Arrangement Period for the sale of such Services. This sharing is effected through inclusion of any efficiency gains in the current Access Arrangement Period in the Total Revenue from which the Reference Tariff for the following Access Arrangement Period is to be determined. If efficiency gains are made in the current Access Arrangement Period, the Operator is rewarded with a higher Reference Tariff in the following Access Arrangement Period.¹²⁸~~

~~4 INFORMATION REGARDING CAPITAL COSTS¹²⁹~~

~~4.1 Initial¹³⁰ Capital Base¹³¹~~

~~The Initial Capital Base has been established at a value of \$1,550.00 million as at 31 December 1999.¹³²~~

~~The allocation of the Initial Capital Base to asset classes as at 31 December 1999 is in accordance with the allocation made for determination of the Reference Tariff applicable during the initial Access Arrangement Period. Asset values by class of assets as at 31 December 1999, and escalated to 31 December 2004, are shown in Table 1.¹³³~~

~~1.4.¹³⁴ The following table outlines the provisions of the NGR and NGL that outline what must be included in an AAI (NGR Requirements) and where in the AAI each NGR Requirement is addressed:¹³⁵~~

<u>NGR Reference</u> ¹³⁶	<u>NGR Requirement</u> ¹³⁷	<u>AAI Section</u> ¹³⁸
<u>r. 72(1)(a)(i)</u> ¹³⁹	<u>capital expenditure (by asset class) over the earlier access arrangement period:</u> ¹⁴⁰	<u>3</u> ¹⁴¹

<u>r. 72(1)(a)(ii)</u> ¹⁴²	<u>operating expenditure (by category) over the earlier access arrangement period;</u> ¹⁴³	<u>4</u> ¹⁴⁴
<u>r. 72(1)(a)(iii)(A)</u> ¹⁴⁵	<u>for a transmission pipeline, minimum, maximum and average demand for each receipt or delivery point;</u> ¹⁴⁶	<u>5.1</u> ¹⁴⁷
<u>r. 72(1)(a)(iii)(B)</u> ¹⁴⁸	<u>for a transmission pipeline, user numbers for each receipt or delivery point;</u> ¹⁴⁹	<u>5.4</u> ¹⁵⁰
<u>r. 72(1)(b)</u> ¹⁵¹	<u>how the capital base is arrived at and, if the access arrangement period commences at the end of an earlier access arrangement period, a demonstration of how the capital base increased or diminished over the previous access arrangement period;</u> ¹⁵²	<u>6</u> ¹⁵³
<u>r. 72(1)(c)(i)</u> ¹⁵⁴	<u>a forecast of conforming capital expenditure for the period and the basis for the forecast;</u> ¹⁵⁵	<u>7.5</u> ¹⁵⁶
<u>r. 72(1)(c)(ii)</u> ¹⁵⁷	<u>a forecast of depreciation for the period including a demonstration of how the forecast is derived on the basis of the proposed depreciation method;</u> ¹⁵⁸	<u>7</u> ¹⁵⁹
<u>r. 72(1)(d)</u> ¹⁶⁰	<u>to the extent it is practicable to forecast pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over the access arrangement period, a forecast of pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over that period and the basis on which the forecast has been derived;</u> ¹⁶¹	<u>8</u> ¹⁶²
<u>r. 72(1)(e)</u> ¹⁶³	<u>a forecast of operating expenditure over the access arrangement period and the basis on which the forecast has been derived;</u> ¹⁶⁴	<u>9</u> ¹⁶⁵
<u>r. 72(1)(f)</u> ¹⁶⁶	<u>the key performance indicators to be used by the service provider to support expenditure to be incurred over the access arrangement period;</u> ¹⁶⁷	<u>10</u> ¹⁶⁸
<u>r. 72(1)(g)</u> ¹⁶⁹	<u>the proposed rate of return, the assumptions on which the rate of return is calculated and a demonstration of how it is calculated;</u> ¹⁷⁰	<u>11</u> ¹⁷¹
<u>r. 72(1)(h)</u> ¹⁷²	<u>the proposed method for dealing with taxation, and a demonstration of how the allowance for taxation is calculated;</u> ¹⁷³	<u>0</u> ¹⁷⁴
<u>r. 72(1)(i)</u> ¹⁷⁵	<u>if an incentive mechanism operated for the previous access arrangement period—the proposed carry-over of increments for efficiency gains or decrements for efficiency losses in the previous access arrangement period and a demonstration of how allowance is to be made for any such increments or decrements;</u> ¹⁷⁶	<u>N/A</u> ¹⁷⁷
<u>r. 72(1)(j)(i)</u> ¹⁷⁸	<u>the suggested basis of reference tariffs, including the method used to allocate costs and a demonstration of the relationship between costs and tariffs;</u> ¹⁷⁹	<u>14</u> ¹⁸⁰
<u>r. 72(1)(j)(ii)</u> ¹⁸¹	<u>a description of any pricing principles employed but not otherwise disclosed under this rule;</u> ¹⁸²	<u>N/A</u> ¹⁸³

<u>r. 72(1)(k)</u> ¹⁸⁴	<u>the service provider's rationale for any proposed reference tariff variation mechanism.</u> ¹⁸⁵	<u>15</u> ¹⁸⁶
<u>r. 72(1)(l)</u> ¹⁸⁷	<u>The service provider's rationale for any proposed incentive mechanism.</u> ¹⁸⁸	<u>N/A</u> ¹⁸⁹
<u>r. 72(1)(m)</u> ¹⁹⁰	<u>the total revenue to be derived from pipeline services for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period.</u> ¹⁹¹	<u>17</u> ¹⁹²

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BASIS ON WHICH FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED [R. 73]¹⁹⁴

2.1. ¹⁹⁵Unless otherwise stated, financial information in this AAI relating to the calendar years from 2005 to 2010 is provided in real terms with all values expressed at December 2009 prices.¹⁹⁶

2.2. ¹⁹⁷Where necessary, to express financial values at December 2009 prices, the values have been escalated¹⁹⁸ at the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Groups, Perth).¹⁹⁹ Year on year percentage changes in the December quarter Consumer Price Index (All Groups, Perth) are as shown in Table 1.²⁰⁰

Table 1 ²⁰¹**Year on year percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Perth) 2005 to 2010**²⁰²

<u>2005</u> ²⁰³	<u>2006</u> ²⁰⁴	<u>2007</u> ²⁰⁵	<u>2008</u> ²⁰⁶	<u>2009</u> ²⁰⁷	<u>2010</u> ²⁰⁸
<u>3.98%</u> ²⁰⁹	<u>4.36%</u> ²¹⁰	<u>3.02%</u> ²¹¹	<u>3.75%</u> ²¹²	<u>2.11%</u> ²¹³	<u>2.50%</u> ²¹⁴

Source for 2005 – 2009 values: <http://www.abs.gov.au>²¹⁵

2010 value is an estimate²¹⁶

2.3. ²¹⁷Unless otherwise stated, financial information in this document relating to the calendar years 2011 to 2015 is provided in real terms with all values expressed at December 2009 prices.²¹⁸

2.4. ²¹⁹Financial data are provided on a calendar year basis.²²⁰

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OVER THE PRIOR ACCESS ARRANGEMENT PERIOD [R. 72(1)(a)(i)]

3.1. Table 1: Initial Conforming Capital Base Expenditure by asset class

Asset	Percentage of total asset value	Asset value at 31-Dec-1999 (\$million, at 31-Dec-1999)	Asset value at 31-Dec-1999 (\$million, at 31-Dec-2004)
Pipeline	81.49	1,263.15	1,491.15
Compression	13.65	211.60	249.80
Metering	1.12	17.35	20.49
Other			
— Depreciable	3.07	47.66	56.26
— Non depreciable (land and linepack)	0.66	10.24	12.09
Total	100.00	1,550.00	1,829.77

4.2 — New Facilities Investment 2000 to 2004 The actual New Facilities Investment made (and in the case of the 2010 calendar year – made or to be made) during the initial Prior Access Arrangement Period is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Capital Expenditure 2005 to 2010

Table 2: Actual New Facilities Investment 2000 to 2004

Year ending 31 December	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
	68	69	70	20 05	20 06	275	276	277	278	79
Nominal \$million (dollar values at end of year)										
Pipeline	1.39 ² 82	0.03 ² 83	0.06 ² 84	0.00 ² 85 0.6 286 5	0.62 ² 87 2.7 288 2	230.7 ² 289 0	493.3 ² 290 8	9.78 ² 91	450.0 ² 292 0	2.10 ² 29 3 1.187 294 23
Compression	18.62 ² 296	1.33 ² 97	0.08 ² 98	— 99 0.14 ² 0.0 300 0	0.18 ³ 01 50. 302 45	153.6 ³ 303 6	116.3 ³ 304 3	9.53 ³ 05	171.7 ³ 306 0	20.10 ³ 07 501. 308 67
Metering	0.57 ³ 10	0.54 ³ 11	0.36 ³ 12	— 13 0.03 ³ 1.9 314 4	1.67 ³ 15 0.0 316 5	0.08 ³ 17	0.00 ³ 18	11.66 ³ 319	14.71 ³ 320	3.11 ³ 1 28.43 322
Other	5.10 ³ 24	1.37 ³ 25	0.75 ³ 26	0.92 ³ 27 0.0 328 4	0.90 ³ 29 3.1 330 8	2.15 ³ 31	5.56 ³ 32	8.23 ³ 33	67.24 ³ 334	9.04 ³ 5 86.39 336
Total	25.68 ³ 338	3.27 ³ 39	1.26 ³ 40	0.77 ³ 41 2.6 342 3	3.38 ³ 43 56. 344 39	386.5 ³ 345 8	615.2 ³ 346 7	39.20 ³ 347	703.6 ³ 348 5	34.35 ³ 49 1.80 35 3.73

									0	
Real \$million (\$ values at ³⁵¹ 31- ³⁵² December ³⁵³ 2004 ³⁵⁴ 2009 ³⁵⁵ 2009 ³⁵⁶)										
Pipeline ³⁵⁷	1.55³₅₈	0.03³₅₉	0.07³₆₀	0.00³₆₁ <u>0.7³₃₆₂</u> <u>4</u>	0.62³₆₃ <u>2.9³₃₆₄</u> <u>7</u>	<u>244.3³₃₆₅</u> <u>8</u>	<u>503.7³₃₆₆</u> <u>7</u>	<u>9.78³₆₇</u>	<u>439.0³₃₆₈</u> <u>2</u>	2.27³₆₉ <u>1.2³₃₇₀</u>
Compression ³⁷¹	20.78³₃₇₂	1.44³₇₃	0.09³₇₄	-³₇₅ <u>0.0³₃₇₆</u> <u>0</u>	0.18³₇₇ <u>55.³₃₇₈</u> <u>06</u>	<u>162.7³₃₇₉</u> <u>7</u>	<u>118.7³₃₈₀</u> <u>8</u>	<u>9.53³₈₁</u>	<u>167.5³₃₈₂</u> <u>2</u>	22.3³₃₈₃ <u>7³₃₈₄</u> <u>5</u>
Metering ³⁸⁵	0.64³₈₆	0.58³₈₇	0.38³₈₈	-³₈₉ <u>0.03³₃₉₀</u> <u>1</u>	1.67³₉₁ <u>0.0³₃₉₂</u> <u>6</u>	<u>0.08³₉₃</u>	<u>0.00³₉₄</u>	<u>11.66³₃₉₅</u>	<u>14.35³₃₉₆</u>	3.24³₉₇ <u>28.³₃₉₈</u> <u>36</u>
Other ³⁹⁹	5.69⁴₀₀	1.48⁴₀₁	0.79⁴₀₂	0.94⁴₀₃ <u>0.0⁴₄₀₄</u> <u>4</u>	0.90⁴₀₅ <u>3.4⁴₄₀₆</u> <u>7</u>	<u>2.28⁴₀₇</u>	<u>5.68⁴₀₈</u>	<u>8.23⁴₀₉</u>	<u>65.60⁴₄₁₀</u>	9.80⁴₁₁ <u>85.⁴₄₁₂</u> <u>29</u>
Total ⁴¹³	28.65⁴₄₁₄	3.54⁴₁₅	1.32⁴₁₆	0.79⁴₁₇ <u>3.0⁴₄₁₈</u> <u>0</u>	3.38⁴₁₉ <u>61.⁴₄₂₀</u> <u>54</u>	<u>409.5⁴₄₂₁</u> <u>1</u>	<u>628.2⁴₄₂₂</u> <u>3</u>	<u>39.20⁴₄₂₃</u>	<u>686.4⁴₄₂₄</u> <u>8</u>	37.6⁴₄₂₅ <u>7⁴₄₂₆</u> <u>1</u> <u>827.⁴₄₂₆</u> <u>96</u>

The following components of forecast New Facilities Investment associated with the Stage 3A expansion of the DBNGP were included in the value of the Initial Capital Base and have consequently been deducted from the value of actual New Facilities Investment for the purposes of determining the Capital Base at 31 December 2004:⁴²⁷

- construction and commissioning of compressors at CS2 and CS7 at a cost of \$18.855 million (dollar values of 31 December 1999); and⁴²⁸
- final payments for CS10 of \$632,000 (dollar values of 31 December 1999).⁴²⁹

This value in dollar values of 31 December 2004 is \$23.004 million.⁴³⁰

The values of New Facilities Investment applied in the roll forward of the Capital Base in the period 2000 to 2004 are shown in Table 3.⁴³¹

Table 3: New Facilities Investment Rolled into the Capital Base 2000 to 2004⁴³²

Year ending 31 December ⁴³³	2000 ⁴³⁴	2001 ⁴³⁵	2002 ⁴³⁶	2003 ⁴³⁷	2004 ⁴³⁸	Total ⁴³⁹
Nominal \$million (dollar values at end of year) ⁴⁴⁰						
Pipeline ⁴⁴¹	1.39 ⁴⁴²	0.03 ⁴⁴³	0.06 ⁴⁴⁴	0.00 ⁴⁴⁵	0.62 ⁴⁴⁶	2.10 ⁴⁴⁷
Compression ⁴⁴⁸	-2.00 ⁴⁴⁹	1.33 ⁴⁵⁰	0.08 ⁴⁵¹	-0.11 ⁴⁵²	0.18 ⁴⁵³	20.10 ⁴⁵⁴
Metering ⁴⁵⁵	0.57 ⁴⁵⁶	0.54 ⁴⁵⁷	0.36 ⁴⁵⁸	-0.03 ⁴⁵⁹	1.67 ⁴⁶⁰	3.11 ⁴⁶¹
Other ⁴⁶²	5.10 ⁴⁶³	1.37 ⁴⁶⁴	0.75 ⁴⁶⁵	0.92 ⁴⁶⁶	0.90 ⁴⁶⁷	9.04 ⁴⁶⁸
Total ⁴⁶⁹	5.06 ⁴⁷⁰	3.27 ⁴⁷¹	1.26 ⁴⁷²	0.77 ⁴⁷³	3.38 ⁴⁷⁴	34.35 ⁴⁷⁵
Real \$million (\$ values at 31 December 2004) ⁴⁷⁶						
Pipeline ⁴⁷⁷	1.55 ⁴⁷⁸	0.03 ⁴⁷⁹	0.07 ⁴⁸⁰	0.00 ⁴⁸¹	0.62 ⁴⁸²	2.27 ⁴⁸³
Compression ⁴⁸⁴	-2.23 ⁴⁸⁵	1.44 ⁴⁸⁶	0.09 ⁴⁸⁷	-0.12 ⁴⁸⁸	0.18 ⁴⁸⁹	22.37 ⁴⁹⁰
Metering ⁴⁹¹	0.64 ⁴⁹²	0.58 ⁴⁹³	0.38 ⁴⁹⁴	-0.03 ⁴⁹⁵	1.67 ⁴⁹⁶	3.24 ⁴⁹⁷
Other ⁴⁹⁸	5.69 ⁴⁹⁹	1.48 ⁵⁰⁰	0.79 ⁵⁰¹	0.94 ⁵⁰²	0.90 ⁵⁰³	9.80 ⁵⁰⁴
Total ⁵⁰⁵	5.65 ⁵⁰⁶	3.54 ⁵⁰⁷	1.32 ⁵⁰⁸	0.79 ⁵⁰⁹	3.38 ⁵¹⁰	37.67 ⁵¹¹

4.3 — Depreciation 2000 to 2004⁵¹²

Values of depreciation applied in determination of Reference Tariffs for the 2000 to 2004 Access Arrangement Period are shown in Tables 4 and 5.⁵¹³

Table 4. Initial Capital Base Depreciation 2000 to 2004 (Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004)⁵¹⁴

Year ending 31 December ⁵¹⁵	2000 ⁵¹⁶	2001 ⁵¹⁷	2002 ⁵¹⁸	2003 ⁵¹⁹	2004 ⁵²⁰	Total ⁵²¹
Applied in Reference Tariff Determination (2000 to 2004) ⁵²²						
Pipelines ⁵²³	27.36 ⁵²⁴	27.36 ⁵²⁵	27.36 ⁵²⁶	27.36 ⁵²⁷	27.36 ⁵²⁸	136.80 ⁵²⁹
Compression ⁵³⁰	13.34 ⁵³¹	13.34 ⁵³²	13.34 ⁵³³	13.34 ⁵³⁴	13.34 ⁵³⁵	66.70 ⁵³⁶
Metering ⁵³⁷	0.54 ⁵³⁸	0.54 ⁵³⁹	0.54 ⁵⁴⁰	0.54 ⁵⁴¹	0.54 ⁵⁴²	2.70 ⁵⁴³
Other ⁵⁴⁴	3.34 ⁵⁴⁵	3.34 ⁵⁴⁶	3.34 ⁵⁴⁷	3.34 ⁵⁴⁸	3.34 ⁵⁴⁹	16.69 ⁵⁵⁰
Total ⁵⁵¹	44.58 ⁵⁵²	44.58 ⁵⁵³	44.58 ⁵⁵⁴	44.58 ⁵⁵⁵	44.58 ⁵⁵⁶	222.90 ⁵⁵⁷

Table 5. New Facilities Investment Depreciation 2000 to 2004
(Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004)⁵⁵⁸

Year ending 31 December ⁵⁵⁹	2000 ⁵⁶⁰	2001 ⁵⁶¹	2002 ⁵⁶²	2003 ⁵⁶³	2004 ⁵⁶⁴	Total ⁵⁶⁵
Applied in Reference Tariff Determination (2000 to 2004)⁵⁶⁶						
Pipelines ⁵⁶⁷	0.00 ⁵⁶⁸	0.01 ⁵⁶⁹	0.01 ⁵⁷⁰	0.01 ⁵⁷¹	0.02 ⁵⁷²	0.05 ⁵⁷³
Compression ⁵⁷⁴	0.00 ⁵⁷⁵	0.04 ⁵⁷⁶	0.21 ⁵⁷⁷	0.38 ⁵⁷⁸	0.46 ⁵⁷⁹	1.09 ⁵⁸⁰
Metering ⁵⁸¹	0.00 ⁵⁸²	0.00 ⁵⁸³	0.00 ⁵⁸⁴	0.00 ⁵⁸⁵	0.00 ⁵⁸⁶	0.01 ⁵⁸⁷
Other ⁵⁸⁸	0.00 ⁵⁸⁹	0.20 ⁵⁹⁰	0.40 ⁵⁹¹	0.62 ⁵⁹²	0.81 ⁵⁹³	2.03 ⁵⁹⁴
Total⁵⁹⁵	0.00⁵⁹⁶	0.24⁵⁹⁷	0.62⁵⁹⁸	1.02⁵⁹⁹	1.29⁶⁰⁰	3.18⁶⁰¹

4.4 — Roll-forward of the Capital Base 2000 to 2004⁶⁰²

The Capital Base has been rolled forward to 31 December 2004 as follows:⁶⁰³

- (a) — commencing with the Initial Capital Base of \$1,550.00 million on 31 December 1999;⁶⁰⁴
- (b) — the Initial Capital Base has been escalated, ~~at the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Groups, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities), and~~⁶⁰⁵ expressed in 31 December 2004 prices;⁶⁰⁶
- (c) — actual New Facilities Investment during the initial Access Arrangement Period has been escalated and expressed in 31 December 2004 prices, and added to the Initial Capital Base; and⁶⁰⁷
- (d) — depreciation applied in determination of Reference Tariffs for the 2000 to 2004 Access Arrangement Period has been subtracted.⁶⁰⁸

The roll forward of the Capital Base to 31 December 2004 is shown in Table 6.⁶⁰⁹

Table 6. Roll Forward of the Capital Base 2000 to 2004
(Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004)⁶¹⁰

Year ending 31 December ⁶¹²	2000 ⁶¹³	2001 ⁶¹⁴	2002 ⁶¹⁵	2003 ⁶¹⁶	2004 ⁶¹⁷
Opening Capital Base⁶¹⁸	1,829.77 ⁶¹⁹	1,790.84 ⁶²⁰	1,749.55 ⁶²¹	1,705.67 ⁶²²	1,660.86 ⁶²³
New Facilities Investment⁶²⁴	5.65 ⁶²⁵	3.54 ⁶²⁶	1.32 ⁶²⁷	0.79 ⁶²⁸	3.38 ⁶²⁹
Depreciation⁶³⁰	44.58 ⁶³¹	44.82 ⁶³²	45.20 ⁶³³	45.60 ⁶³⁴	45.87 ⁶³⁵
Closing Capital Base⁶³⁶	1,790.84 ⁶³⁷	1,749.55 ⁶³⁸	1,705.67 ⁶³⁹	1,660.86 ⁶⁴⁰	1,618.37 ⁶⁴¹

4.5 — New Facilities Investment 2005 to 2010⁶⁴²

New Facilities Investment forecast to occur during the Access Arrangement Period is reasonably expected to pass the requirements of section 8.16 of the Code when that New Facilities Investment is forecast to occur.⁶⁴³

The value of New Facilities Investment for the Access Arrangement Period is shown in Tables 7 and 8.⁶⁴⁴

Table 7. Forecast New Facilities Investment by asset class 2005 to 2010⁶⁴⁵							
Year ending 31 December⁶⁴⁶	2005⁶⁴⁷	2006⁶⁴⁸	2007⁶⁴⁹	2008⁶⁵⁰	2009⁶⁵¹	2010⁶⁵²	Total⁶⁵³
Nominal \$million (dollar values at end of year)⁶⁵⁴							
Pipelines ⁶⁵⁵	4.62 ⁶⁵⁶	6.06 ⁶⁵⁷	275.28 ⁶⁵ 8	304.62 ⁶⁵ 9	95.42 ⁶⁶⁰	169.53 ⁶⁶ 1	855.54 ⁶⁶ 2
Compression ⁶⁶³	3.79 ⁶⁶⁴	72.53 ⁶⁶⁵	127.02 ⁶⁶ 6	44.93 ⁶⁶⁷	0.47 ⁶⁶⁸	0.72 ⁶⁶⁹	249.47 ⁶⁷ 0
Metering ⁶⁷¹	1.16 ⁶⁷²	1.30 ⁶⁷³	0.17 ⁶⁷⁴	0.00 ⁶⁷⁵	0.00 ⁶⁷⁶	0.00 ⁶⁷⁷	2.62 ⁶⁷⁸
Other depreciable assets ⁶⁷⁹	4.12 ⁶⁸⁰	3.36 ⁶⁸¹	1.72 ⁶⁸²	6.09 ⁶⁸³	7.44 ⁶⁸⁴	7.08 ⁶⁸⁵	29.80 ⁶⁸⁶
Non-depreciable assets ⁶⁸⁷	0.00 ⁶⁸⁸	0.00 ⁶⁸⁹	0.00 ⁶⁹⁰	0.00 ⁶⁹¹	0.00 ⁶⁹²	0.00 ⁶⁹³	0.00 ⁶⁹⁴
Total⁶⁹⁵	13.69⁶⁹⁶	83.24⁶⁹⁷	404.19⁶⁹ 8	355.64⁶⁹ 9	103.33⁷⁰ 0	177.34⁷⁰ 1	1137.43⁷⁰²
Real \$million (dollar values at 31 December 2004)⁷⁰³							
Pipelines ⁷⁰⁴	4.50 ⁷⁰⁵	5.74 ⁷⁰⁶	254.23 ⁷⁰ 7	273.96 ⁷⁰ 8	83.57 ⁷⁰⁹	144.59 ⁷¹ 0	766.59 ⁷¹ 1
Compression ⁷¹²	3.69 ⁷¹³	68.79 ⁷¹⁴	117.31 ⁷¹ 5	40.41 ⁷¹⁶	0.41 ⁷¹⁷	0.62 ⁷¹⁸	231.22 ⁷¹ 9
Metering ⁷²⁰	1.13 ⁷²¹	1.23 ⁷²²	0.15 ⁷²³	0.00 ⁷²⁴	0.00 ⁷²⁵	0.00 ⁷²⁶	2.51 ⁷²⁷
Other depreciable assets ⁷²⁸	4.01 ⁷²⁹	3.18 ⁷³⁰	1.59 ⁷³¹	5.48 ⁷³²	6.51 ⁷³³	6.04 ⁷³⁴	26.81 ⁷³⁵
Non-depreciable assets ⁷³⁶	0.00 ⁷³⁷	0.00 ⁷³⁸	0.00 ⁷³⁹	0.00 ⁷⁴⁰	0.00 ⁷⁴¹	0.00 ⁷⁴²	0.00 ⁷⁴³
Total⁷⁴⁴	13.33⁷⁴⁵	78.94⁷⁴⁶	373.28⁷⁴ 7	319.84⁷⁴ 8	90.50⁷⁴⁹	151.25⁷⁵ 0	1027.14⁷⁵¹

Table 8. Forecast New Facilities Investment by investment category 2005 to 2010⁷⁵²							
Year ending 31 December⁷⁵³	2005⁷⁵⁴	2006⁷⁵⁵	2007⁷⁵⁶	2008⁷⁵⁷	2009⁷⁵⁸	2010⁷⁵⁹	Total⁷⁶⁰
Nominal \$million (dollar values at end of year)¹⁷⁶¹							
Expansion⁷⁶³							
Pipeline looping ⁷⁶⁴	0.51 ⁷⁶⁵	0.00 ⁷⁶⁶	272.34 ⁷⁶ 7	302.11 ⁷⁶ 8	93.20 ⁷⁶⁹	167.97 ⁷⁷ 0	836.13 ⁷⁷ 1
Compression ⁷⁷²	0.00 ⁷⁷³	69.23 ⁷⁷⁴	124.52 ⁷⁷ 5	44.48 ⁷⁷⁶	0.00 ⁷⁷⁷	0.00 ⁷⁷⁸	238.23 ⁷⁷ 9
Stay-in-business⁷⁸⁰	13.17 ⁷⁸¹	44.00 ⁷⁸²	7.33 ⁷⁸³	9.05 ⁷⁸⁴	10.13 ⁷⁸⁵	9.37 ⁷⁸⁶	63.06 ⁷⁸⁷
Total⁷⁸⁸	13.69 ⁷⁸⁹	83.24 ⁷⁹⁰	404.19 ⁷⁹ 1	355.64 ⁷⁹ 2	103.33 ⁷⁹ 3	177.34 ⁷⁹ 4	1137.43 ⁷⁹⁵
Real \$million (dollar values at 31 December 2004)⁷⁹⁶							
Expansion⁷⁹⁷							
Pipeline looping ⁷⁹⁸	0.50 ⁷⁹⁹	0.00 ⁸⁰⁰	251.51 ⁸⁰ 1	271.70 ⁸⁰ 2	81.62 ⁸⁰³	143.26 ⁸⁰ 4	748.59 ⁸⁰ 5
Compression ⁸⁰⁶	0.00 ⁸⁰⁷	65.66 ⁸⁰⁸	115.00 ⁸⁰ 9	40.00 ⁸¹⁰	0.00 ⁸¹¹	0.00 ⁸¹²	220.66 ⁸¹ 3
Stay-in-business⁸¹⁴	12.83 ⁸¹⁵	13.28 ⁸¹⁶	6.77 ⁸¹⁷	8.14 ⁸¹⁸	8.87 ⁸¹⁹	7.99 ⁸²⁰	57.89 ⁸²¹
Total⁸²²	13.33 ⁸²³	78.94 ⁸²⁴	373.28 ⁸² 5	319.84 ⁸² 6	90.50 ⁸²⁷	151.25 ⁸² 8	1027.14 ⁸²⁹

4.6 ⁸³⁰

3.2. ⁸³¹ The values for 2010 in the above table are made up of actual Conforming Capital Expenditure made during the period from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010 and the Operator's forecast of Conforming Capital Expenditure to be made for the period from 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010. ⁸³²

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¹ Nominal values are derived from the real values with an assumed inflation rate of 2.74 per cent per annum. The nominal values differ slightly from values indicated in the Access Arrangement Information due to a different assumed inflation rate. Total Revenue is determined on the basis of the real values. ⁷⁶²

OPERATING EXPENDITURE FOR THE EARLIER PERIOD [R. 72(1)(a)(iii)]⁸³⁴

4.1. ⁸³⁵ Operating Expenditure for the Prior Access Arrangement Period is shown in Table 3.⁸³⁶

<u>Table 3</u> ⁸³⁷ <u>Operating Expenditure 2005 to 2010</u> ⁸³⁸							
<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ⁸³⁹	<u>2005</u> ⁸⁴⁰	<u>2006</u> ⁸⁴¹	<u>2007</u> ⁸⁴²	<u>2008</u> ⁸⁴³	<u>2009</u> ⁸⁴⁴	<u>2010</u> ⁸⁴⁵	<u>Total</u> ⁸⁴⁶
<u>Nominal \$million, dollar values at end of year</u> ⁸⁴⁷							
<u>Other Operating Expenditure</u> ⁸⁴⁸	<u>36.27</u> ⁸⁴⁹	<u>39.41</u> ⁸⁵⁰	<u>44.40</u> ⁸⁵¹	<u>52.46</u> ⁸⁵²	<u>65.60</u> ⁸⁵³	<u>66.42</u> ⁸⁵⁴	<u>304.56</u> ⁸⁵⁵
<u>Fuel gas</u> ⁸⁵⁶	<u>24.12</u> ⁸⁵⁷	<u>21.43</u> ⁸⁵⁸	<u>30.59</u> ⁸⁵⁹	<u>15.15</u> ⁸⁶⁰	<u>18.62</u> ⁸⁶¹	<u>21.51</u> ⁸⁶²	<u>131.42</u> ⁸⁶³
<u>Total</u> ⁸⁶⁴	<u>60.39</u> ⁸⁶⁵	<u>60.84</u> ⁸⁶⁶	<u>74.99</u> ⁸⁶⁷	<u>67.61</u> ⁸⁶⁸	<u>84.22</u> ⁸⁶⁹	<u>87.93</u> ⁸⁷⁰	<u>435.97</u> ⁸⁷¹
<u>Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2010</u> ⁸⁷²							
<u>Other Operating Expenditure</u> ⁸⁷³	<u>41.31</u> ⁸⁷⁴	<u>43.01</u> ⁸⁷⁵	<u>47.03</u> ⁸⁷⁶	<u>53.56</u> ⁸⁷⁷	<u>65.60</u> ⁸⁷⁸	<u>64.80</u> ⁸⁷⁹	<u>315.31</u> ⁸⁸⁰
<u>Fuel gas</u> ⁸⁸¹	<u>27.47</u> ⁸⁸²	<u>23.39</u> ⁸⁸³	<u>32.40</u> ⁸⁸⁴	<u>15.47</u> ⁸⁸⁵	<u>18.62</u> ⁸⁸⁶	<u>20.99</u> ⁸⁸⁷	<u>138.34</u> ⁸⁸⁸
<u>Total</u> ⁸⁸⁹	<u>68.78</u> ⁸⁹⁰	<u>66.40</u> ⁸⁹¹	<u>79.44</u> ⁸⁹²	<u>69.03</u> ⁸⁹³	<u>84.22</u> ⁸⁹⁴	<u>85.78</u> ⁸⁹⁵	<u>453.65</u> ⁸⁹⁶

4.2. ⁸⁹⁷ It is important to note that given the significant and continued expansion program during the Prior Access Arrangement Period, the DBNGP is a much larger, but also a very different pipeline system to what it was in 2005. As at the commencement of the current access arrangement period, it has 50% more compressor units than in 2005 and has been almost 85% looped since 2005.⁸⁹⁸

4.3. ⁸⁹⁹ Accordingly, the Operating Expenditure required to operate the DBNGP as it is presently configured is very different to that required in 2005, thus making the reference to historical Operating Expenditure inappropriate.⁹⁰⁰

5. ⁹⁰¹

PIPELINE UTILISATION FOR THE EARLIER PERIOD [R. 71(1)(a)(iii)]⁹⁰²

5.1. ⁹⁰³ Outlined below are the total minimum, maximum and average demand for inlet and outlet points used for the following Pipeline Services.⁹⁰⁴

- (a) ⁹⁰⁵ Full Haul Services (see Table 4)⁹⁰⁶
- (b) ⁹⁰⁷ Part Haul (Forward Haul) Services (see Table 5)⁹⁰⁸
- (c) ⁹⁰⁹ Back Haul Services (see Table 6)⁹¹⁰

Table 4 ⁹¹¹ **Min, Max and Average demand over the Prior Access Arrangement Period (TJ/d) for Full Haul Pipeline Service** ⁹¹² **inlet and outlet points**⁹¹³

	<u>2005 – 2010</u> ⁹¹⁴
<u>Minimum quantity</u> ⁹¹⁵	<u>572.5</u> ⁹¹⁶
<u>Maximum quantity</u> ⁹¹⁷	<u>894.0</u> ⁹¹⁸
<u>Average quantity</u> ⁹¹⁹	<u>625.4</u> ⁹²⁰

Table 5 ⁹²¹ **Min, Max and Average demand over the Prior Access Arrangement Period (TJ/d) for Part Haul Pipeline Service inlet and outlet points**⁹²²

	<u>2005 – 2010</u> ⁹²³
<u>Minimum quantity</u> ⁹²⁴	<u>52.27</u> ⁹²⁵
<u>Maximum quantity</u> ⁹²⁶	<u>137.24</u> ⁹²⁷
<u>Average quantity</u> ⁹²⁸	<u>79.67</u> ⁹²⁹

Table 6 ⁹³⁰ **Min, Max and Average demand over the Prior Access Arrangement Period (TJ/d) for Back Haul Pipeline Service inlet and outlet points**⁹³¹

	<u>2005 – 2010</u> ⁹³²
<u>Minimum quantity</u> ⁹³³	<u>0</u> ⁹³⁴
<u>Maximum quantity</u> ⁹³⁵	<u>136.67</u> ⁹³⁶
<u>Average quantity</u> ⁹³⁷	<u>93.94</u> ⁹³⁸

5.2. ⁹³⁹ 2010 figures are accurate up to 28 February 2010 inclusive.⁹⁴⁰

5.3. ⁹⁴¹ The information contained in the above tables is aggregated information. It is aggregated⁹⁴² because, pursuant to Rule 43(2) of the NGR, it contains elements of information which are sensitive information, the public disclosure of which could cause undue harm to the legitimate business interests of the service provider, a Shipper or a Prospective Shipper.⁹⁴³

5.4. ⁹⁴⁴ Table 7 contains details of.⁹⁴⁵

- (a) ⁹⁴⁶The number of Shippers for each Inlet Point.⁹⁴⁷
- (b) ⁹⁴⁸The number of Shippers for all Outlet Points (in aggregate form) downstream of Compressor Station 9; and⁹⁴⁹
- (c) ⁹⁵⁰The number of Shippers for all Outlet Points (in aggregate form) to which Part Haul Services are provided.⁹⁵¹

Table 7 ⁹⁵²Shipper number for each inlet and outlet point⁹⁵³

	<u>Number of customers</u> ⁹⁵⁴
<u>Inlet (Receipt point)</u> ⁹⁵⁵	
<u>DOMGAS Dampier Receipt</u> ⁹⁵⁶	<u>19</u> ⁹⁵⁷
<u>Griffin</u> ⁹⁵⁸	<u>1</u> ⁹⁵⁹
<u>Harriet Group Receipt</u> ⁹⁶⁰	<u>16</u> ⁹⁶¹
<u>MLV7 Interconnect</u> ⁹⁶²	<u>7</u> ⁹⁶³
<u>Outlet (Delivery point)</u> ⁹⁶⁴	
<u>Full Haul Outlet Points</u> ⁹⁶⁵	<u>14</u> ⁹⁶⁶
<u>Part Haul Outlet Points</u> ⁹⁶⁷	<u>9</u> ⁹⁶⁸
<u>Back Haul Outlet Points</u> ⁹⁶⁹	<u>6</u> ⁹⁷⁰

5.5. ⁹⁷¹The information contained in the above table for Outlet Points is aggregated information. It is aggregated because, pursuant to Rule 43(2) of the NGR, it contains elements of information which are sensitive information, the public disclosure of which could cause undue harm to the legitimate business interests of the service provider, a Shipper or a Prospective Shipper.⁹⁷²

6. ⁹⁷³

CAPITAL BASE FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD [R. 72(1)(b)]⁹⁷⁴

Calculation of Opening Capital Base for Current Access Arrangement Period⁹⁷⁵

6.1. ⁹⁷⁶In accordance with Rule 77(2) the Opening Capital Base for the Current Access Arrangement Period (ie the Opening Capital Base as at 1 January 2010) has been determined by the following formula:⁹⁷⁷

(a) ⁹⁷⁸The Opening Capital Base as at the commencement of the Prior Access Arrangement Period (adjusted, if at all, for the difference between estimated and actual Capital Expenditure made in the access arrangement period that preceded the Prior Access Arrangement Period and included in that Opening Capital Base) (the amount is in Table 8):⁹⁷⁹

plus:⁹⁸⁰

(b) ⁹⁸¹Conforming Capital Expenditure made, or to be made, during the Prior Access Arrangement Period (the amounts are in Table 9); and⁹⁸²

(c) ⁹⁸³Capital Contributions by Shippers added to the Capital Base under rule 82(3) of the NGR (the amounts are in Table 10):⁹⁸⁴

less:⁹⁸⁵

(d) ⁹⁸⁶Depreciation over the Prior Access Arrangement Period (Depreciation is set out in Table 11)⁹⁸⁷

6.2. ⁹⁸⁸The Opening Capital Base at the commencement of the Prior Access Arrangement Period (PAAP Opening Capital Base) did not need amending for any expenditure incurred during the access arrangement period that preceded the Prior Access Arrangement Period because the PAAP Opening Capital Base was determined using only actual capital expenditure during that period (as opposed to forecast capital expenditure).⁹⁸⁹

6.3. ⁹⁹⁰The Opening Capital Base for the Current Access Arrangement Period has not been amended for any amounts in any of the following categories because there are no amounts during the Prior Access Arrangement Period that fall within these categories:⁹⁹¹

(a) ⁹⁹²Amounts to be added to the Capital Base under rule 84 of the NGR.⁹⁹³

(b) ⁹⁹⁴Amounts to be added to the Capital Base under rule 86 of the NGR.⁹⁹⁵

(c) ⁹⁹⁶Amounts to be subtracted from the Opening Capital Base, being for redundant assets identified during the course of the Prior Access Arrangement Period.⁹⁹⁷

(d) ⁹⁹⁸Amounts to be subtracted from the Opening Capital Base, being for the value of pipeline assets disposed of during the Prior Access Arrangement Period.⁹⁹⁹

6.4. ¹⁰⁰⁰The Opening Capital Base as at the commencement of the Prior Access Arrangement Period (ie 31 December 2004) was \$1,893.35 million (real dollar values as at 31 December 2009).¹⁰⁰¹

6.5. ¹⁰⁰²The following Table 8 demonstrates how the Capital Base during the Prior Access Arrangement Period changed and how the Opening Capital Base for the Current Access Arrangement Period is calculated.¹⁰⁰³

Table 8 ¹⁰⁰⁴ Opening Capital Base ¹⁰⁰⁵ (Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2009) ¹⁰⁰⁶

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹⁰⁰⁷	<u>2005</u> ¹⁰⁰⁸	<u>2006</u> ¹⁰⁰⁹	<u>2007</u> ¹⁰¹⁰	<u>2008</u> ¹⁰¹¹	<u>2009</u> ¹⁰¹²	<u>2010</u> ¹⁰¹³
<u>Capital Base at 1 January</u> ¹⁰¹⁴	<u>1893.35</u> ¹⁰ ₁₅	<u>1844.01</u> ¹⁰¹⁶	<u>1852.88</u> ¹ ₀₁₇	<u>2206.74</u> ¹⁰¹⁸	<u>2770.33</u> ¹ ₀₁₉	<u>2738.45</u> ¹⁰²⁰
<u>Plus</u> ¹⁰²¹						
<u>Conforming Capital Expenditure</u> ¹⁰²²	<u>0.78</u> ¹⁰²³	<u>61.54</u> ¹⁰²⁴	<u>409.42</u> ¹⁰ ₂₅	<u>628.23</u> ¹⁰²⁶	<u>17.93</u> ¹⁰²⁷	<u>672.19</u> ¹⁰ ₂₈
<u>Capital Contributions</u> ¹⁰²⁹	<u>2.21</u> ¹⁰³⁰	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰³¹	<u>0.08</u> ¹⁰³²	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰³³	<u>21.27</u> ¹⁰³⁴	<u>14.30</u> ¹⁰³ ₅
<u>Less</u> ¹⁰³⁶						
<u>Depreciation</u> ¹⁰³⁷	<u>52.34</u> ¹⁰³⁸	<u>52.67</u> ¹⁰³⁹	<u>55.64</u> ¹⁰⁴⁰	<u>64.64</u> ¹⁰⁴¹	<u>71.09</u> ¹⁰⁴²	<u>72.77</u> ¹⁰⁴ ₃
<u>Total value of the Capital Base at 31 December</u> ¹⁰⁴⁴	<u>1844.01</u> ¹⁰ ₄₅	<u>1852.88</u> ¹⁰⁴⁶	<u>2206.74</u> ¹ ₀₄₇	<u>2770.33</u> ¹⁰⁴⁸	<u>2738.45</u> ¹ ₀₄₉	<u>3352.16</u> ¹⁰⁵⁰

6.6. ¹⁰⁵¹ The amounts for each of the line items in Table 8 are broken down in the following tables: ¹⁰⁵²

Conforming capital expenditure in Prior Access Arrangement Period ¹⁰⁵³

Table 9 ¹⁰⁵⁴ Conforming Capital Expenditure 2005 to 2010 (Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2009) ¹⁰⁵⁵

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹⁰⁵⁶	<u>2005</u> ¹⁰⁵⁷	<u>2006</u> ¹⁰⁵⁸	<u>2007</u> ¹⁰⁵⁹	<u>2008</u> ¹⁰⁶⁰	<u>2009</u> ¹⁰⁶¹	<u>2010</u> ¹⁰⁶²	<u>Total</u> ¹⁰⁶³
<u>Pipelines</u> ¹⁰⁶⁴	<u>0.74</u> ¹⁰⁶⁵	<u>2.97</u> ¹⁰⁶⁶	<u>244.38</u> ¹⁰ ₆₇	<u>503.77</u> ¹⁰ ₆₈	<u>0.17</u> ¹⁰⁶⁹	<u>439.02</u> ¹⁰ ₇₀	<u>1191.05</u> ¹ ₀₇₁
<u>Compression</u> ¹⁰⁷²	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰⁷³	<u>55.06</u> ¹⁰⁷ ₄	<u>162.77</u> ¹⁰ ₇₅	<u>118.78</u> ¹⁰ ₇₆	<u>9.53</u> ¹⁰⁷⁷	<u>167.52</u> ¹⁰ ₇₈	<u>513.65</u> ¹⁰ ₇₉
<u>Metering</u> ¹⁰⁸⁰	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰⁸¹	<u>0.06</u> ¹⁰⁸²	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰⁸³	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁰⁸⁴	<u>0.08</u> ¹⁰⁸⁵	<u>0.05</u> ¹⁰⁸⁶	<u>0.18</u> ¹⁰⁸⁷
<u>Other</u> ¹⁰⁸⁸	<u>0.04</u> ¹⁰⁸⁹	<u>3.47</u> ¹⁰⁹⁰	<u>2.28</u> ¹⁰⁹¹	<u>5.68</u> ¹⁰⁹²	<u>8.15</u> ¹⁰⁹³	<u>65.60</u> ¹⁰⁹ ₄	<u>85.22</u> ¹⁰⁹ ₅
<u>Total</u> ¹⁰⁹⁶	<u>0.78</u> ¹⁰⁹⁷	<u>61.54</u> ¹⁰⁹⁸	<u>409.42</u> ¹⁰ ₉₉	<u>628.23</u> ¹¹ ₀₀	<u>17.93</u> ¹¹⁰¹	<u>672.19</u> ¹¹ ₀₂	<u>1790.10</u> ¹ ₁₀₃

Capital Contributions in Prior Access Arrangement Period ¹¹⁰⁴

Table 10 ¹¹⁰⁵ Capital Contributions ¹¹⁰⁶ broken down by year (Nominal \$Million) ¹¹⁰⁷

<u>Asset to which a capital contribution related</u> ¹¹⁰⁸	<u>2005</u> ¹¹⁰⁹	<u>2006</u> ¹¹¹⁰	<u>2007</u> ¹¹¹¹	<u>2008</u> ¹¹¹²	<u>2009</u> ¹¹¹³	<u>2010</u> ¹¹¹⁴
<u>Total</u> ¹¹¹⁵	<u>1.94</u> ¹¹¹⁶	<u>0.00</u> ¹¹¹⁷	<u>0.08</u> ¹¹¹⁸	<u>0.00</u> ¹¹¹⁹	<u>21.27</u> ¹¹²⁰	<u>14.66</u> ¹¹²



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Depreciation Schedule for the Prior Access Arrangement Period¹¹²²

6.7.¹¹²³ The depreciation schedule setting out the basis on which the pipeline assets constituting the capital base during the Prior Access Arrangement Period are depreciated is in Table 11.¹¹²⁴

Table 11¹¹²⁵ **Opening Capital Base Depreciation Schedule 2005 to 2010**¹¹²⁶
(Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2009)¹¹²⁷

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹¹²⁸	<u>2005</u> ¹¹² ₉	<u>2006</u> ¹¹³ ₀	<u>2007</u> ¹¹³ ₁	<u>2008</u> ¹¹³ ₂	<u>2009</u> ¹¹³ ₃	<u>2010</u> ¹¹³ ₄	<u>Total</u> ¹¹³⁵
<u>Pipelines</u> ¹¹³⁶	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹³ ₇	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹³ ₈	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹³ ₉	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹⁴ ₀	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹⁴ ₁	<u>32.40</u> ¹¹⁴ ₂	<u>194.41</u> ¹¹ ₄₃
<u>Compression</u> ¹¹⁴⁴	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁴ ₅	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁴ ₆	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁴ ₇	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁴ ₈	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁴ ₉	<u>15.80</u> ¹¹⁵ ₀	<u>94.79</u> ¹¹⁵ ₁
<u>Metering</u> ¹¹⁵²	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵³	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵⁴	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵⁵	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵⁶	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵⁷	<u>0.64</u> ¹¹⁵⁸	<u>3.83</u> ¹¹⁵⁹
<u>Other</u> ¹¹⁶⁰	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶¹	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶²	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶³	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶⁴	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶⁵	<u>3.95</u> ¹¹⁶⁶	<u>23.72</u> ¹¹⁶ ₇
<u>Total</u> ¹¹⁶⁸	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁶ ₉	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁷ ₀	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁷ ₁	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁷ ₂	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁷ ₃	<u>52.79</u> ¹¹⁷ ₄	<u>316.75</u> ¹¹ ₇₅

6.8.¹¹⁷⁶ As outlined in the Current Access Arrangement, for the purposes of rule 84 of the NGR, the amount of any Non-Conforming Capital Expenditure is, to the extent that expenditure is not to be recovered through a Surcharge on Shippers or a Capital Contribution, to be added to a notional fund and dealt with in accordance with rule 84(2) and rule 84(3) of the NGR.¹¹⁷⁷

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PROJECTED CAPITAL BASE [R. 72(1)(c)]¹¹⁷⁹

7.1.¹¹⁸⁰ The Projected Capital Base for the Current Access Arrangement Period is calculated, in accordance with rule 78 of the NGR, by way of the following formula:¹¹⁸¹

(a)¹¹⁸² the Opening Capital Base for the Current Access Arrangement Period;¹¹⁸³

plus¹¹⁸⁴

(b)¹¹⁸⁵ forecast conforming capital expenditure for the Current Access Arrangement Period (including forecast capital expenditure to which Shippers are expected to have contributed) – Table 12 summarises this forecast expenditure;¹¹⁸⁶

less¹¹⁸⁷

(c)¹¹⁸⁸ forecast of depreciation for the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹¹⁸⁹

7.2.¹¹⁹⁰ There is no forecast value of pipeline assets to be disposed during the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹¹⁹¹

7.3.¹¹⁹² Applying the above formula in clause 7.1, the Projected Capital Base for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period is outlined in Table 15.¹¹⁹³

7.4.¹¹⁹⁴ The derivation of the values for each element of the above formula in clause 7.1 for establishing the Projected Capital Base is explained in the remainder of this section of the AAI.¹¹⁹⁵

Forecast Conforming Capital Expenditure 2011 to 2015¹¹⁹⁶

7.5.¹¹⁹⁷ Forecast conforming capital expenditure for the Current Access Arrangement Period is summarized in Table 12.¹¹⁹⁸

Table 12¹¹⁹⁹ **Forecast Conforming Capital Expenditure by asset class 2011 to 2015**¹²⁰⁰

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹²⁰¹	<u>2011</u> ¹²⁰²	<u>2012</u> ¹²⁰³	<u>2013</u> ¹²⁰⁴	<u>2014</u> ¹²⁰⁵	<u>2015</u> ¹²⁰⁶	<u>Total</u> ¹²⁰⁷
<u>Pipelines</u> ¹²⁰⁸	<u>15.40</u> ¹²⁰⁹	<u>8.39</u> ¹²¹⁰	<u>3.88</u> ¹²¹¹	<u>4.62</u> ¹²¹²	<u>7.81</u> ¹²¹³	<u>40.11</u> ¹²¹⁴
<u>Compression</u> ¹²¹⁵	<u>8.27</u> ¹²¹⁶	<u>0.49</u> ¹²¹⁷	<u>2.66</u> ¹²¹⁸	<u>2.66</u> ¹²¹⁹	<u>0.16</u> ¹²²⁰	<u>14.22</u> ¹²²¹
<u>Metering</u> ¹²²²	<u>5.57</u> ¹²²³	<u>4.35</u> ¹²²⁴	<u>4.71</u> ¹²²⁵	<u>0.62</u> ¹²²⁶	<u>0.82</u> ¹²²⁷	<u>16.06</u> ¹²²⁸
<u>Other depreciable assets</u> ¹²²⁹	<u>40.86</u> ¹²³⁰	<u>4.74</u> ¹²³¹	<u>4.15</u> ¹²³²	<u>6.75</u> ¹²³³	<u>6.15</u> ¹²³⁴	<u>62.67</u> ¹²³⁵
<u>Non-depreciable assets</u> ¹²³⁶	<u>0.00</u> ¹²³⁷	<u>0.00</u> ¹²³⁸	<u>0.00</u> ¹²³⁹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁴⁰	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁴¹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁴²
<u>Sub Total</u> ¹²⁴³	<u>70.11</u> ¹²⁴⁴	<u>17.97</u> ¹²⁴⁵	<u>15.39</u> ¹²⁴⁶	<u>14.64</u> ¹²⁴⁷	<u>14.93</u> ¹²⁴⁸	<u>133.06</u> ¹²⁴⁹
<u>Capital Expenditure contributed by Shippers</u> ¹²⁵⁰						
<u>Pipelines</u> ¹²⁵¹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵²	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵³	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵⁴	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵⁵	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵⁶	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵⁷
<u>Compression</u> ¹²⁵⁸	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁵⁹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶⁰	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶¹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶²	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶³	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶⁴
<u>Metering</u> ¹²⁶⁵	<u>0.23</u> ¹²⁶⁶	<u>2.66</u> ¹²⁶⁷	<u>1.44</u> ¹²⁶⁸	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁶⁹	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁰	<u>4.32</u> ¹²⁷¹
<u>Other depreciable assets</u> ¹²⁷²	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷³	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁴	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁵	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁶	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁷	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁷⁸

<u>Sub Total</u> ¹²⁷⁹	<u>0.23</u> ¹²⁸⁰	<u>2.66</u> ¹²⁸¹	<u>1.44</u> ¹²⁸²	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁸³	<u>0.00</u> ¹²⁸⁴	<u>4.32</u> ¹²⁸⁵
<u>TOTAL</u> ¹²⁸⁶	<u>70.34</u> ¹²⁸⁷	<u>20.63</u> ¹²⁸⁸	<u>16.84</u> ¹²⁸⁹	<u>14.64</u> ¹²⁹⁰	<u>14.93</u> ¹²⁹¹	<u>137.38</u> ¹²⁹²

7.6. ¹²⁹³The basis of this forecast of conforming capital expenditure is:¹²⁹⁴

- (a) ¹²⁹⁵There will be no expansion of the capacity of the DBNGP during the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹²⁹⁶
- (b) ¹²⁹⁷The forecast expenditure relating to the overhauls of gas turbines that form part of the DBNGP will be capitalised.¹²⁹⁸
- (c) ¹²⁹⁹The amounts contained in this forecast are the minimum amounts required to ensure the Operator:¹³⁰⁰
 - (i) ¹³⁰¹Maintains and improves the safety of pipeline services;¹³⁰²
 - (ii) ¹³⁰³Maintains the integrity of pipeline services;¹³⁰⁴
 - (iii) ¹³⁰⁵Complies with the regulatory obligations or requirements applicable to the DBNGP; or¹³⁰⁶
 - (iv) ¹³⁰⁷Maintains its capacity to meet levels of demand for pipeline services existing at the time the capital expenditure is forecast to be incurred (as distinct from projected demand that is dependent on an expansion of pipeline capacity). In this regard, the forecast demand is outlined in section 8 of this AAI.¹³⁰⁸

Forecast¹³⁰⁹ Depreciation¹³¹⁰ ~~2005 to 2010~~¹³¹¹ Schedule - 2011 to 2015¹³¹²

7.7. A separate depreciation schedule has been determined for each of the ~~four groups~~¹³¹³ 4 classes¹³¹⁴ of physical assets that form the DBNGP. ~~These four groups~~¹³¹⁵ these 4 asset classes¹³¹⁶ are:

- (a) ~~(a)~~¹³¹⁷ pipeline assets;
- (b) ~~(b)~~¹³¹⁸ compressor station assets;
- (c) ~~(c)~~¹³¹⁹ metering assets; and
- (d) ~~(d)~~¹³²⁰ other assets.

7.8. ¹³²¹The depreciation schedule has been designed:¹³²²

- (a) ¹³²³so that reference tariffs will vary, over time, in a way that promotes efficient growth in the market for reference services;¹³²⁴
- (b) ¹³²⁵so that each asset or group of assets is depreciated over the economic life of that asset or group of assets;¹³²⁶
- (c) ¹³²⁷so as to allow, as far as reasonably practicable, for adjustment reflecting changes in the expected economic life of a particular asset, or a particular group of assets;¹³²⁸
- (d) ¹³²⁹so that (subject to the rules about capital redundancy), an asset is depreciated only once (i.e. that the amount by which the asset is depreciated over its economic life does not exceed the value of the asset at the time of its inclusion in the capital base (adjusted for inflation)); and¹³³⁰
- (e) ¹³³¹so as to allow for the service provider's reasonable needs for cash flow to meet financing, non-capital and other costs.¹³³²

7.9. For the assets in each of the ~~four groups~~¹³³³ 4 asset classes¹³³⁴, depreciation ~~during the Access Arrangement Period~~¹³³⁵ has been determined ~~by applying~~¹³³⁶ using¹³³⁷ the straight-line method¹³³⁸ with the life of assets in each class as shown in table 13.¹³³⁹

~~7.10. Assumptions for asset lives for new assets, and remaining lives as at 31 December 2004 for assets in the Initial Capital Base as at 31 December 1999, are shown in Table 9.~~¹³⁴⁰

~~7.11. New assets, created by New Facilities Investment, have been depreciated over the appropriate asset lives for new assets from Table 9.~~¹³⁴¹

~~7.12. Compressor station assets existing at 31 December 1999 have been depreciated at a single weighted average asset life. This life is the weighted average of the remaining lives of each of the existing compressor stations at that date (as determined in the 23 May 2003 Final Decision of the Independent Gas Pipelines Access Regulator). In calculating the weighted average, each individual compressor station asset life has been weighted by the value assigned to the compressor station in the initial Capital Base.~~¹³⁴²

~~7.13. Metering assets existing at 31 December 1999 have, similarly, been depreciated at a single weighted average asset life.~~¹³⁴³

7.14. ¹³⁴⁴The depreciation on each class of assets for the period 1999 to 2004 was the depreciation used in the determination of the reference tariff applicable during that period. Similarly, the depreciation on each class of assets for the period 2005 to 2010 was the depreciation used in the determination of the reference tariff applicable during that period.¹³⁴⁵

7.15. ¹³⁴⁶The depreciation, for the Current Access Arrangement on the initial Capital Base as at 1 January 2000 and on Conforming Capital Expenditure made from 2000 to 2004, is determined using the straight line method with the following assumptions as to asset lives.¹³⁴⁷

(a) ¹³⁴⁸In the case of the initial Capital Base as at 1 January 2000 – using the remaining asset lives for the four asset classes as follows:¹³⁴⁹

(i) ¹³⁵⁰Pipeline assets – 54.50 years;¹³⁵¹

(ii) ¹³⁵²Compression assets – 19.34 years;¹³⁵³

(iii) ¹³⁵⁴Meter station assets – 39.98 years;¹³⁵⁵

(iv) ¹³⁵⁶Other assets – 16.85 years; and¹³⁵⁷

(b) ¹³⁵⁸In the case of Conforming Capital Expenditure made from 2000 to 2004 – using lives in each class of asset as shown in table 13.¹³⁵⁹

7.16. ¹³⁶⁰The depreciation, for the Current Access Arrangement Period, on Conforming Capital Expenditure made in 2005 to 2010 has been determined using the straight line method with the lives in each class of asset as shown in table 13.¹³⁶¹

7.17. ¹³⁶²The depreciation for the Current Access Arrangement Period on forecast Conforming Capital Expenditure for that period has been determined using the straight line method with the lives in each class of asset shown in table 13.¹³⁶³

Table 13 ¹³⁶⁴ **Asset Lives** ¹³⁶⁵

Table 9. ¹³⁶⁶ Asset ¹³⁶⁷ Lives ¹³⁶⁸		Asset Life (years) ¹³⁶⁹
Asset ¹³⁷⁰	Asset Life (years) ¹³⁷¹	Average Remaining Asset Life at 31 December 2004 (years) ¹³⁷²
Pipeline assets ¹³⁷³	70 ¹³⁷⁴	49.50 ¹³⁷⁵
Compression assets ¹³⁷⁶	30 ¹³⁷⁷	49.60 ¹³⁷⁸
Metering assets ¹³⁷⁹	50 ¹³⁸⁰	38.50 ¹³⁸¹
Other depreciable assets ¹³⁸²	30 ¹³⁸³	41.85 ¹³⁸⁴

7.18. Table ~~40~~ ¹³⁸⁵ **14** ¹³⁸⁶ shows the depreciation schedule for each class of assets comprising the Capital Base. It sets out the basis on which the pipeline assets constituting the capital base are to be depreciated for the purpose of determining the Reference Tariff. ¹³⁸⁷

Table 10. Depreciation Schedule 2005 to 2010 ¹³⁸⁸

Year ending 31 December ¹³⁸⁹	2005 ¹³⁹⁰	2006 ¹³⁹¹	2007 ¹³⁹²	2008 ¹³⁹³	2009 ¹³⁹⁴	2010 ¹³⁹⁵
Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004 ¹³⁹⁶						
Pipeline assets ¹³⁹⁷	27.39 ¹³⁹⁸	27.46 ¹³⁹⁹	27.54 ¹⁴⁰⁰	31.17 ¹⁴⁰¹	35.08 ¹⁴⁰²	36.28 ¹⁴⁰³
Compression assets ¹⁴⁰⁴	12.54 ¹⁴⁰⁵	12.64 ¹⁴⁰⁶	14.90 ¹⁴⁰⁷	18.81 ¹⁴⁰⁸	20.16 ¹⁴⁰⁹	20.17 ¹⁴¹⁰
Metering assets ¹⁴¹¹	0.60 ¹⁴¹²	0.62 ¹⁴¹³	0.64 ¹⁴¹⁴	0.65 ¹⁴¹⁵	0.65 ¹⁴¹⁶	0.65 ¹⁴¹⁷
Other depreciable assets ¹⁴¹⁸	3.67 ¹⁴¹⁹	3.80 ¹⁴²⁰	3.91 ¹⁴²¹	3.96 ¹⁴²²	4.14 ¹⁴²³	4.36 ¹⁴²⁴
Total ¹⁴²⁵	44.19 ¹⁴²⁶	44.48 ¹⁴²⁷	46.99 ¹⁴²⁸	54.58 ¹⁴²⁹	60.03 ¹⁴³⁰	61.45 ¹⁴³¹

4.7 — Roll Forward of the Capital Base 2005 to 2010 ¹⁴³²

Table 14 ¹⁴³³ **Depreciation Schedule 2011 to 2015** ¹⁴³⁴

Year ending 31 December ¹⁴³⁵	2011 ¹⁴³⁶	2012 ¹⁴³⁷	2013 ¹⁴³⁸	2014 ¹⁴³⁹	2015 ¹⁴⁴⁰
Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2009 ¹⁴⁴¹					
Pipeline assets ¹⁴⁴²	49.59 ¹⁴⁴³	49.81 ¹⁴⁴⁴	49.93 ¹⁴⁴⁵	49.98 ¹⁴⁴⁶	50.05 ¹⁴⁴⁷
Compression assets ¹⁴⁴⁸	33.47 ¹⁴⁴⁹	33.74 ¹⁴⁵⁰	33.76 ¹⁴⁵¹	33.85 ¹⁴⁵²	33.94 ¹⁴⁵³
Metering assets ¹⁴⁵⁴	1.25 ¹⁴⁵⁵	1.37 ¹⁴⁵⁶	1.51 ¹⁴⁵⁷	1.63 ¹⁴⁵⁸	1.64 ¹⁴⁵⁹
Other depreciable assets ¹⁴⁶⁰	7.79 ¹⁴⁶¹	9.15 ¹⁴⁶²	9.31 ¹⁴⁶³	9.45 ¹⁴⁶⁴	9.67 ¹⁴⁶⁵
Total ¹⁴⁶⁶	92.10 ¹⁴⁶⁷	94.07 ¹⁴⁶⁸	94.50 ¹⁴⁶⁹	94.91 ¹⁴⁷⁰	95.30 ¹⁴⁷¹



Projected Capital Base Calculation ¹⁴⁷²

7.19. ¹⁴⁷³ Table 15 is the application of the formula for the establishment of the Projected Capital Base for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period, as outlined in section 7.1. ¹⁴⁷⁴

<u>Table 15</u> ¹⁴⁷⁵ <u>Projected Capital Base</u> ¹⁴⁷⁶					
<u>Year</u> ¹⁴⁷⁷	<u>2011</u> ¹⁴⁷⁸	<u>2012</u> ¹⁴⁷⁹	<u>2013</u> ¹⁴⁸⁰	<u>2014</u> ¹⁴⁸¹	<u>2015</u> ¹⁴⁸²
<u>Capital Base (as at 1 Jan)</u> ¹⁴⁸³	<u>3352.16</u> ¹⁴⁸⁴	<u>3330.41</u> ¹⁴⁸⁵	<u>3256.97</u> ¹⁴⁸⁶	<u>3179.30</u> ¹⁴⁸⁷	<u>3099.03</u> ¹⁴⁸⁸
<u>Plus</u> ¹⁴⁸⁹					
<u>Forecast Conforming Capital Expenditure</u> ¹⁴⁹⁰	<u>70.11</u> ¹⁴⁹¹	<u>17.97</u> ¹⁴⁹²	<u>15.39</u> ¹⁴⁹³	<u>14.64</u> ¹⁴⁹⁴	<u>14.93</u> ¹⁴⁹⁵
<u>Forecast Capital Contributions</u> ¹⁴⁹⁶	<u>0.23</u> ¹⁴⁹⁷	<u>2.66</u> ¹⁴⁹⁸	<u>1.44</u> ¹⁴⁹⁹	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁵⁰⁰	<u>0.00</u> ¹⁵⁰¹
<u>Less</u> ¹⁵⁰²					
<u>Forecast Depreciation</u> ¹⁵⁰³	<u>92.10</u> ¹⁵⁰⁴	<u>94.07</u> ¹⁵⁰⁵	<u>94.50</u> ¹⁵⁰⁶	<u>94.91</u> ¹⁵⁰⁷	<u>95.30</u> ¹⁵⁰⁸
<u>Forecast Asset Disposals</u> ¹⁵⁰⁹					
<u>Projected Capital Base (as at 31 Dec)</u> ¹⁵¹⁰	<u>3330.41</u> ¹⁵¹¹	<u>3256.97</u> ¹⁵¹²	<u>3179.30</u> ¹⁵¹³	<u>3099.03</u> ¹⁵¹⁴	<u>3018.67</u> ¹⁵¹⁵

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FORECAST PIPELINE CAPACITY AND UTILISATION [R. 72 (1)(c)(ii)]¹⁵¹⁷

8.1. ¹⁵¹⁸ Table 16 details the forecast of the Pipeline Capacity over the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹⁵¹⁹

<u>Table 16</u> ¹⁵²⁰ <u>Forecast of Pipeline Capacity</u> ¹⁵²¹					
<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹⁵²²	<u>2011</u> ¹⁵²³	<u>2012</u> ¹⁵²⁴	<u>2013</u> ¹⁵²⁵	<u>2014</u> ¹⁵²⁶	<u>2015</u> ¹⁵²⁷
<u>Full Haul</u> ¹⁵²⁸					
<u>Pipeline capacity (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁵²⁹	<u>869</u> ¹⁵³⁰	<u>888</u> ¹⁵³¹	<u>888</u> ¹⁵³²	<u>888</u> ¹⁵³³	<u>888</u> ¹⁵³⁴

8.2. ¹⁵³⁵ The Pipeline Capacity of the DBNGP is determined based on the following assumptions.¹⁵³⁶

- (a) ¹⁵³⁷ For delivery of Full Haul pipeline services¹⁵³⁸
- (b) ¹⁵³⁹ The gas composition is as follows:¹⁵⁴⁰
 - A. ¹⁵⁴¹ Higher Heating Value – 37.0 MJ/m³.¹⁵⁴²
 - B. ¹⁵⁴³ Wobbe Index - 46.5MJ/m³.¹⁵⁴⁴
 - C. ¹⁵⁴⁵ the percentage content of Inert Gases of no greater than 6.39%.¹⁵⁴⁶
 - D. ¹⁵⁴⁷ no LPG content;¹⁵⁴⁸
- (c) ¹⁵⁴⁹ the ambient conditions on the DBNGP from Compressor Station 1 to Compressor Station 9 are average conditions for the month of January.¹⁵⁵⁰
- (d) ¹⁵⁵¹ gas is being delivered for receipt into the DBNGP at existing inlet points:¹⁵⁵²
- (e) ¹⁵⁵³ the designed inlet pressure at the inlet point known as I1-01 is 8MPa; and¹⁵⁵⁴
- (f) ¹⁵⁵⁵ all compressor units are operating.¹⁵⁵⁶

8.3. ¹⁵⁵⁷ However, it is important to note that the Pipeline Capacity is not an indication of.¹⁵⁵⁸

- (a) ¹⁵⁵⁹ the actual Capacity of the DBNGP on any given day.¹⁵⁶⁰
- (b) ¹⁵⁶¹ the available firm Full Haul capacity of the DBNGP during the Current Access Arrangement Period; or¹⁵⁶²
- (c) ¹⁵⁶³ the available Part Haul Forward Haul capacity of the DBNGP during the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹⁵⁶⁴

8.4. ¹⁵⁶⁵ Table 17 outlines the forecast of the Capacity of the DBNGP that remains contracted for certain pipeline services during the Current Access Arrangement Period, and forecasts of the volumes of Contracted Capacity expected by the Operator to be used by Shippers of these pipeline services.¹⁵⁶⁶

Table 17 ¹⁵⁶⁷ **Forecast of Demand for Services** ¹⁵⁶⁸

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹⁵⁶⁹	<u>2011</u> ¹⁵⁷⁰	<u>2012</u> ¹⁵⁷¹	<u>2013</u> ¹⁵⁷²	<u>2014</u> ¹⁵⁷³	<u>2015</u> ¹⁵⁷⁴
<u>Full Haul</u> ¹⁵⁷⁵					
<u>Contracted capacity (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁵⁷⁶	<u>851.3</u> ¹⁵⁷⁷	<u>860.3</u> ¹⁵⁷⁸	<u>860.3</u> ¹⁵⁷⁹	<u>860.3</u> ¹⁵⁸⁰	<u>860.3</u> ¹⁵⁸¹
<u>Throughput (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁵⁸²	<u>703.1</u> ¹⁵⁸³	<u>718.8</u> ¹⁵⁸⁴	<u>719.7</u> ¹⁵⁸⁵	<u>725.8</u> ¹⁵⁸⁶	<u>732.5</u> ¹⁵⁸⁷
<u>Part Haul (forward haul)</u> ¹⁵⁸⁸					
<u>Contracted capacity (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁵⁸⁹	<u>215.4</u> ¹⁵⁹⁰	<u>215.4</u> ¹⁵⁹¹	<u>215.4</u> ¹⁵⁹²	<u>215.4</u> ¹⁵⁹³	<u>215.4</u> ¹⁵⁹⁴
<u>Throughput (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁵⁹⁵	<u>191.5</u> ¹⁵⁹⁶	<u>189.7</u> ¹⁵⁹⁷	<u>189.7</u> ¹⁵⁹⁸	<u>189.7</u> ¹⁵⁹⁹	<u>189.7</u> ¹⁶⁰⁰
<u>Back Haul</u> ¹⁶⁰¹					
<u>Contracted capacity (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁶⁰²	<u>130.0</u> ¹⁶⁰³	<u>130.0</u> ¹⁶⁰⁴	<u>130.0</u> ¹⁶⁰⁵	<u>130.0</u> ¹⁶⁰⁶	<u>130.0</u> ¹⁶⁰⁷
<u>Throughput (TJ/day)</u> ¹⁶⁰⁸	<u>112.3</u> ¹⁶⁰⁹	<u>112.3</u> ¹⁶¹⁰	<u>112.3</u> ¹⁶¹¹	<u>112.3</u> ¹⁶¹²	<u>112.3</u> ¹⁶¹³

8.5. ¹⁶¹⁴ The firm Full Haul capacity of the DBNGP is fully contracted for the duration of the Current Access Arrangement Period. ¹⁶¹⁵

8.6. ¹⁶¹⁶ Whether the Part Haul capacity of the DBNGP is fully contracted for the duration of the Current Access Arrangement Period will depend on a number of factors. So it is not practical to forecast it in this AAI. ¹⁶¹⁷

9. ¹⁶¹⁸

FORECAST OPERATING EXPENDITURE [R. 71(1)(e)]¹⁶¹⁹

9.1. ¹⁶²⁰ Forecast operating expenditure over the Current Access Arrangement Period is shown in Table 18.¹⁶²¹

Table 18 ¹⁶²² **Forecast Operating Expenditure 2011 to 2015**¹⁶²³

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ¹⁶²⁴	<u>2011</u> ¹⁶²⁵	<u>2012</u> ¹⁶²⁶	<u>2013</u> ¹⁶²⁷	<u>2014</u> ¹⁶²⁸	<u>2015</u> ¹⁶²⁹
<u>Nominal \$million, dollar values at end of year</u> ¹⁶³⁰					
<u>Recurrent costs</u> ¹⁶³¹					
<u>Wages & Salaries</u> ¹⁶³²	<u>27.0</u> ¹⁶³³	<u>28.3</u> ¹⁶³⁴	<u>29.5</u> ¹⁶³⁵	<u>30.9</u> ¹⁶³⁶	<u>32.3</u> ¹⁶³⁷
<u>Non-Field Expense</u> ¹⁶³⁸	<u>18.4</u> ¹⁶³⁹	<u>18.9</u> ¹⁶⁴⁰	<u>19.4</u> ¹⁶⁴¹	<u>20.5</u> ¹⁶⁴²	<u>21.0</u> ¹⁶⁴³
<u>Field Expense</u> ¹⁶⁴⁴	<u>19.1</u> ¹⁶⁴⁵	<u>19.6</u> ¹⁶⁴⁶	<u>20.1</u> ¹⁶⁴⁷	<u>20.6</u> ¹⁶⁴⁸	<u>21.1</u> ¹⁶⁴⁹
<u>Government Charges</u> ¹⁶⁵⁰	<u>20.0</u> ¹⁶⁵¹	<u>21.3</u> ¹⁶⁵²	<u>22.1</u> ¹⁶⁵³	<u>23.3</u> ¹⁶⁵⁴	<u>24.5</u> ¹⁶⁵⁵
<u>Reactive Maintenance</u> ¹⁶⁵⁶	<u>1.2</u> ¹⁶⁵⁷	<u>1.2</u> ¹⁶⁵⁸	<u>1.3</u> ¹⁶⁵⁹	<u>1.3</u> ¹⁶⁶⁰	<u>1.3</u> ¹⁶⁶¹
<u>Fuel gas (full haul)</u> ¹⁶⁶²	<u>20.9</u> ¹⁶⁶³	<u>22.7</u> ¹⁶⁶⁴	<u>23.1</u> ¹⁶⁶⁵	<u>26.1</u> ¹⁶⁶⁶	<u>27.3</u> ¹⁶⁶⁷
<u>Total OPEX</u> ¹⁶⁶⁸	<u>106.8</u> ¹⁶⁶⁹	<u>112.0</u> ¹⁶⁷⁰	<u>115.5</u> ¹⁶⁷¹	<u>122.6</u> ¹⁶⁷²	<u>127.4</u> ¹⁶⁷³

9.2. ¹⁶⁷⁴ There are six categories of operating expenditure used in the forecast.¹⁶⁷⁵

- (a) ¹⁶⁷⁶ Wages & Salaries¹⁶⁷⁷
- (b) ¹⁶⁷⁸ Non-Field Expenditure¹⁶⁷⁹
- (c) ¹⁶⁸⁰ Field Expenditure¹⁶⁸¹
- (d) ¹⁶⁸² Government Charges¹⁶⁸³
- (e) ¹⁶⁸⁴ Reactive Maintenance¹⁶⁸⁵
- (f) ¹⁶⁸⁶ Fuel Gas¹⁶⁸⁷

9.3. ~~The Capital Base has been rolled forward to 31 December 2004~~¹⁶⁸⁸ Each Category is explained¹⁶⁸⁹ as follows:

- ~~(a) — commencing with the Capital Base of \$1,618.37 million on 31 December 2004;~~¹⁶⁹⁰
- ~~(b) — forecast New Facilities Investment during the initial Access Arrangement Period has been expressed in 31 December 2004 prices, and added to the Capital Base; and~~¹⁶⁹¹
- ~~(d) — depreciation for the 2005 to 2010 Access Arrangement Period has been subtracted.~~¹⁶⁹²

~~The roll forward of the capital base to 31 December 2010 is shown in Table 11.~~¹⁶⁹³

- (a) ¹⁶⁹⁴ Salaries and Wages covers salaries of the Operator's employees and contractors.¹⁶⁹⁵
- (b) ¹⁶⁹⁶ Non Field Expenditure covers expenditure in connection with fees payable under the operating services agreement, IT expenses, insurance costs, office and administration, an allowance for self insurance costs and forecast regulatory expenditure.¹⁶⁹⁷
- (c) ¹⁶⁹⁸ Field Expenditure covers motor vehicle expenses, repairs and maintenance to all field equipment, training and development expenses, travel and accommodation and compressor turbine and GEA overhauls.¹⁶⁹⁹

(d) ¹⁷⁰⁰Government Charges cover the expenditure to be levied by government and statutory agencies under such legislation as the proposed CPRS, the Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act, Council rates and charges and various environmental legislation.¹⁷⁰¹

(e) ¹⁷⁰²Reactive Maintenance covers expenditure for unplanned and unbudgeted repairs and maintenance for plant and equipment.¹⁷⁰³

(f) ¹⁷⁰⁴Fuel Gas covers expenditure to be incurred by the Operator in purchasing fuel gas requires to operate and maintain the pipeline in a manner that ensures the forecast demand for pipeline services, as outlined in section 8, can be supplied in the most efficient fashion.¹⁷⁰⁵

9.4. ¹⁷⁰⁶The forecast operating expenditure for recurrent items has been derived from the Operator's internal business planning and budgeting processes which are conducted annually and have a 5 yearly focus. The forecast represents the lowest sustainable cost of providing pipeline services by a prudent service provider acting efficiently.¹⁷⁰⁷

9.5. ¹⁷⁰⁸The forecast for fuel gas expenditure is based on.¹⁷⁰⁹

(a) ¹⁷¹⁰gas prices Operator pays for the supply of system use gas to enable it to maintain and operate the DBNGP; and¹⁷¹¹

(b) ¹⁷¹²the system use gas required to operate and maintain the pipeline in a manner that ensures the forecast demand for pipeline services, as outlined in section 8 (assuming that the demand is for the Reference Service), can be supplied in the most efficient fashion.¹⁷¹³

9.6. ¹⁷¹⁴The forecast for reactive maintenance expenses is an average of Operator's actual expenditure incurred for unplanned and unbudgeted repairs and maintenance for plant and equipment.¹⁷¹⁵

10. ¹⁷¹⁶

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS [R. 72(1)(f)]¹⁷¹⁷

10.1.¹⁷¹⁸ One key performance indicator supports the expenditure to be incurred during the Current Access Arrangement Period. That indicator is to compare the forecast operating expenditure for each year against the actual forecast operating expenditure (except for the expenditure items listed below) for that same year of the Current Access Arrangement Period.¹⁷¹⁹

(a)¹⁷²⁰ forecast expenditure for fuel gas; and¹⁷²¹

(b)¹⁷²² forecast expenditure for government imposts.¹⁷²³

Table 11. Projected Roll-Forward of the Capital Base¹⁷²⁴

Year ending 31 December ¹⁷²⁵	2005 ¹⁷²⁶	2006 ¹⁷²⁷	2007 ¹⁷²⁸	2008 ¹⁷²⁹	2009 ¹⁷³⁰	2010 ¹⁷³¹
Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004 ¹⁷³²						
Capital Base at beginning of year ¹⁷³³	1,618.37 ¹ ₇₃₄	1,587.51 ¹ ₇₃₅	1,621.97 ¹ ₇₃₆	1,948.26 ¹ ₇₃₇	2,213.52 ¹ ₇₃₈	2,243.99 ¹ ₇₃₉
New Facilities Investment ¹⁷⁴⁰	13.33 ¹⁷⁴¹	78.94 ¹⁷⁴²	373.28 ¹⁷⁴ ₃	319.84 ¹⁷⁴ ₄	90.50 ¹⁷⁴⁵	151.25 ¹⁷⁴ ₆
Depreciation ¹⁷⁴⁷	44.19 ¹⁷⁴⁸	44.48 ¹⁷⁴⁹	46.99 ¹⁷⁵⁰	54.58 ¹⁷⁵¹	60.03 ¹⁷⁵²	61.45 ¹⁷⁵³
Capital Base at end of year ¹⁷⁵⁴	1,587.51 ¹ ₇₅₅	1,621.97 ¹ ₇₅₆	1,948.26 ¹ ₇₅₇	2,213.52 ¹ ₇₅₈	2,243.99 ¹ ₇₅₉	2,333.78 ¹ ₇₆₀

4.8 — Rate of Return¹⁷⁶¹

10.2.¹⁷⁶² The reasons for why it is relevant to include this KPI as stated in clause 10.2 are:¹⁷⁶³

(a)¹⁷⁶⁴ the firm full haul capacity of the DBNGP is fully contracted for the Current Access Arrangement Period under Access Contracts for non reference services;¹⁷⁶⁵

(b)¹⁷⁶⁶ the tariffs payable under these non reference service Access Contracts are structured in such a way that the Operator is incentivised to reduce its operating expenditure to the lowest sustainable costs;¹⁷⁶⁷

(c)¹⁷⁶⁸ the non reference services are structured in a way that the Operator has limited control of the throughput on the DBNGP and therefore, expenditure for fuel gas will be largely driven by the throughput requirements of Shippers; and¹⁷⁶⁹

(d)¹⁷⁷⁰ there has been a significant increase in government imposts since 2005 and the Operator is forecasting a continued steep increase in this type of expenditure during the Current Access Arrangement Period. Operator has limited control over the level of government imposts imposed on it.¹⁷⁷¹

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RATE OF RETURN [R. 72 (1)(g)]¹⁷⁷³

Rate of Return¹⁷⁷⁴

11.1. ¹⁷⁷⁵The Rate of Return used to determine the Total Revenue and therefore the Reference Tariff has been set in accordance with the requirements of Rule 87 of the NGR.¹⁷⁷⁶

11.2. ¹⁷⁷⁷The Rate of Return to be used in determining Total Revenue for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period is 10.76% (real, pre-tax).¹⁷⁷⁸

Assumptions on which the Rate of Return is calculated¹⁷⁷⁹

11.3. The Rate of Return ~~for the Access Arrangement Period~~¹⁷⁸⁰ has been established as a real¹⁷⁸¹ pre-tax ~~real~~¹⁷⁸² weighted average of the ~~returns applicable to debt and equity~~¹⁷⁸³ cost of equity and the cost of debt¹⁷⁸⁴.

11.4. ¹⁷⁸⁵Both the cost of equity and the cost of debt are commensurate with prevailing conditions in the market for funds and the risks involved in providing reference services. The Rate of Return therefore satisfies the criteria of rule 87(1).¹⁷⁸⁶

Assumptions on which the cost of equity was based¹⁷⁸⁷

11.5. ¹⁷⁸⁸The cost of equity was determined from:¹⁷⁸⁹

(a) ¹⁷⁹⁰the results obtain from four well accepted financial models; and¹⁷⁹¹

(b) ¹⁷⁹²an examination of equity analysts' dividend yield forecasts for the period 2010 to 2012 for comparable Australian infrastructure businesses.¹⁷⁹³

11.6. ¹⁷⁹⁴The four well accepted financial models, and the estimates of the cost of equity which were obtained from them are set out in Table 19.¹⁷⁹⁵

11.7. ¹⁷⁹⁶Each of the well accepted financial models incorporates only a limited characterisation of risk and may not, therefore, provide an estimate of the cost of equity which is commensurate with prevailing conditions in the market for funds and the risks involved in providing reference services. That is, the estimate of the cost of equity from each of the models may not satisfy the criteria for the Rate of Return established in rule 87(1). To ensure that the criteria of rule 87(1) are satisfied, regard must be had to evidence as to the current market conditions.¹⁷⁹⁷

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Table 19 ¹⁷⁹⁹ Estimates of the cost of equity ¹⁸⁰⁰

<u>Parameter</u> ¹⁸⁰¹		<u>Value</u> ¹⁸⁰²
<u>Cost of equity (nominal):</u> ¹⁸⁰³		
<u>CAPM</u> ¹⁸⁰⁴	<u>$E_{CAPM}(r_e)$</u> ¹⁸⁰⁵	<u>8.79%</u> ¹⁸⁰⁶
<u>Black's CAPM</u> ¹⁸⁰⁷	<u>$E_{Black}(r_e)$</u> ¹⁸⁰⁸	<u>11.98%</u> ¹⁸⁰⁹
<u>Fama-French three factor model</u> ¹⁸¹⁰	<u>$E_{FF}(r_e)$</u> ¹⁸¹¹	<u>11.57%</u> ¹⁸¹²
<u>Zero beta Fama-French three factor model</u> ¹⁸¹³	<u>$E_{ZBFF}(r_e)$</u> ¹⁸¹⁴	<u>14.36%</u> ¹⁸¹⁵
<u>Cost of debt (nominal)</u> ¹⁸¹⁶	<u>$E(r_d)$</u> ¹⁸¹⁷	<u>9.73%</u> ¹⁸¹⁸
<u>Gearing (debt to total value)</u> ¹⁸¹⁹	<u>D/V</u> ¹⁸²⁰	<u>60.00%</u> ¹⁸²¹
<u>Tax rate</u> ¹⁸²²	<u>t</u> ¹⁸²³	<u>30.00%</u> ¹⁸²⁴
<u>Gamma</u> ¹⁸²⁵	<u>γ</u> ¹⁸²⁶	<u>0.2</u> ¹⁸²⁷
<u>Expected inflation</u> ¹⁸²⁸	<u>π^e</u> ¹⁸²⁹	<u>2.52%</u> ¹⁸³⁰
<u>Real pre-tax WACC</u> ¹⁸³¹		
<u>Model used for estimating cost of equity:</u> ¹⁸³²		
<u>CAPM</u> ¹⁸³³		<u>7.75%</u> ¹⁸³⁴
<u>Black's CAPM</u> ¹⁸³⁵		<u>9.38%</u> ¹⁸³⁶
<u>Fama-French three factor model</u> ¹⁸³⁷		<u>9.17%</u> ¹⁸³⁸
<u>Zero beta Fama-French three factor model</u> ¹⁸³⁹		<u>10.60%</u> ¹⁸⁴⁰

11.8. ¹⁸⁴¹ Evidence on current market conditions is provided by equity analysts' forecasts of dividend yields. The average of equity analysts' dividend yield forecasts for comparable Australian infrastructure businesses over the period 2010 to 2012 was 10.5%. Equity investors investing in the benchmark service provider would, in these circumstances, be expecting to earn a return of at least 10.5%. Those investors would also expect some share price appreciation. The current expectation of inflation, 2.52%, is a conservative estimate of this appreciation. With the likely improvement in market conditions following the global financial crisis, an expectation of further - real - growth in the yields from infrastructure businesses, of at least 1.00%, is reasonable. Accordingly, current market information indicates a cost of equity between 13.0% and 14.0%. ¹⁸⁴²

11.9. ¹⁸⁴³ A ~~pre-tax real~~ ¹⁸⁴⁴ cost of equity which is commensurate with prevailing conditions in the market for funds and the risks involved in providing reference services is in these circumstances: ¹⁸⁴⁵

- (a) ¹⁸⁴⁶ not as low as the cost of equity estimated using the CAPM; and ¹⁸⁴⁷
- (b) ¹⁸⁴⁸ higher than the cost of equity estimated using Black's CAPM and the Fama-French model; and ¹⁸⁴⁹
- (c) ¹⁸⁵⁰ is likely to be in the range 13.0% to 14.4%. ¹⁸⁵¹

11.10. ¹⁸⁵² The cost of equity to be used in establishing the Rate of Return was therefore set at 13.50%. ¹⁸⁵³

Assumptions on which the cost of debt was based ¹⁸⁵⁴

11.11. ¹⁸⁵⁵ The cost of debt used in establishing the Rate of Return was 9.73%. ¹⁸⁵⁶

11.12. ¹⁸⁵⁷ This estimate of the cost of debt was built-up from the costs which a benchmark service provider (with credit rating in the BBB range) was likely to incur in sourcing debt finance from the 5 year Australian Bank Market (28.6%), the 7 year Australian Bank Market (9.5%), the 7 year Australian Bond Market (9.5%), the 10 year US Public Market (33.3%), and the 10 year US Private Placement Market (19.0%). The cost of debt has been estimated as the bank bill swap rate (BBSW) plus lender's margin, and transaction and other costs, some of which may be specific to particular markets. ¹⁸⁵⁸

11.13. ¹⁸⁵⁹ Build up of the cost of debt, in the same way that that cost is built up by lenders, using current market data for a benchmark service provider, provides an estimate which is commensurate with prevailing conditions in the market for funds and the risks involved in providing reference services. ¹⁸⁶⁰

Other assumptions for calculation of a real pre-tax WACC ¹⁸⁶¹

11.14. ¹⁸⁶² Other assumptions made for the calculation of a real pre-tax ¹⁸⁶³ weighted average cost of capital of 7.24 per cent has been used in calculation of Total Revenue. ¹⁸⁶⁴

5. INFORMATION REGARDING NON CAPITAL COSTS ¹⁸⁶⁵

5.1 Fixed versus variable costs ¹⁸⁶⁶

The costs associated with the operation and maintenance of a gas transmission pipeline system are predominantly fixed. For a given pipeline configuration, capital costs, pipeline operating and maintenance costs and, to a lesser extent, compressor maintenance costs, do not vary materially with the volume of gas delivered to shippers. The only truly variable costs are the costs of fuel gas. ¹⁸⁶⁷

When the capacity of the DBNGP is expanded (implementing a new pipeline configuration), the level of these fixed costs will rise. ¹⁸⁶⁸

5.2 Forecast Non Capital Costs ¹⁸⁶⁹

Forecast Non Capital Costs for the Access Arrangement Period are shown in Table 12. ¹⁸⁷⁰

Table 12. Forecast Non Capital Costs 2005 to 2010 ¹⁸⁷¹							
Year ending 31 December ¹⁸⁷²	2005 ¹⁸⁷³	2006 ¹⁸⁷⁴	2007 ¹⁸⁷⁵	2008 ¹⁸⁷⁶	2009 ¹⁸⁷⁷	2010 ¹⁸⁷⁸	Total ¹⁸⁷⁹
Nominal \$million, dollar values at end of year ¹⁸⁸⁰							
Wages and salaries ¹⁸⁸¹	5.38 ¹⁸⁸²	5.63 ¹⁸⁸³	5.89 ¹⁸⁸⁴	6.17 ¹⁸⁸⁵	6.46 ¹⁸⁸⁶	6.76 ¹⁸⁸⁷	36.29 ¹⁸⁸⁸
Materials and services ¹⁸⁸⁹	35.83 ¹⁸⁹⁰	34.33 ¹⁸⁹¹	47.94 ¹⁸⁹²	46.44 ¹⁸⁹³	44.82 ¹⁸⁹⁴	46.69 ¹⁸⁹⁵	256.05 ¹⁸⁹⁶
Corporate overheads ¹⁸⁹⁷	0.00 ¹⁸⁹⁸	0.00 ¹⁸⁹⁹	0.00 ¹⁹⁰⁰	0.00 ¹⁹⁰¹	0.00 ¹⁹⁰²	0.00 ¹⁹⁰³	0.00 ¹⁹⁰⁴
Fuel gas ¹⁹⁰⁵	19.84 ¹⁹⁰⁶	20.38 ¹⁹⁰⁷	30.04 ¹⁹⁰⁸	32.24 ¹⁹⁰⁹	33.07 ¹⁹¹⁰	33.98 ¹⁹¹¹	169.54 ¹⁹¹²
Total ¹⁹¹³	61.05 ¹⁹¹⁴	60.34 ¹⁹¹⁵	83.87 ¹⁹¹⁶	84.85 ¹⁹¹⁷	84.35 ¹⁹¹⁸	87.43 ¹⁹¹⁹	462.26 ¹⁹²⁰
Real \$million, dollar values at 31 December 2004 ¹⁹²¹							

Wages and salaries ¹⁹²²	5.24 ¹⁹²³	5.34 ¹⁹²⁴	5.44 ¹⁹²⁵	5.55 ¹⁹²⁶	5.66 ¹⁹²⁷	5.77 ¹⁹²⁸	32.99 ¹⁹²⁹
Materials and services ¹⁹³⁰	34.90 ¹⁹³¹	32.56 ¹⁹³²	44.27 ¹⁹³³	41.76 ¹⁹³⁴	39.25 ¹⁹³⁵	39.82 ¹⁹³⁶	232.57 ¹⁹³⁷
Corporate overheads ¹⁹³⁸	0.00 ¹⁹³⁹	0.00 ¹⁹⁴⁰	0.00 ¹⁹⁴¹	0.00 ¹⁹⁴²	0.00 ¹⁹⁴³	0.00 ¹⁹⁴⁴	0.00 ¹⁹⁴⁵
Fuel gas ¹⁹⁴⁶	19.32 ¹⁹⁴⁷	19.32 ¹⁹⁴⁸	27.74 ¹⁹⁴⁹	28.99 ¹⁹⁵⁰	28.96 ¹⁹⁵¹	28.98 ¹⁹⁵²	153.32 ¹⁹⁵³
Total ¹⁹⁵⁴	59.45 ¹⁹⁵⁵	57.22 ¹⁹⁵⁶	77.46 ¹⁹⁵⁷	76.34 ¹⁹⁵⁸	73.87 ¹⁹⁵⁹	74.57 ¹⁹⁶⁰	418.88 ¹⁹⁶¹

~~5.3 — Total costs at corporate level~~¹⁹⁶²

~~The DBNGP business is a stand-alone entity. The Non Capital Costs in Table 12 are, therefore, the total service provider costs at corporate level.~~¹⁹⁶³

~~The business of the DBNGP is the provision of gas transportation services. There is, therefore, no allocation of costs between regulated and unregulated segments.~~¹⁹⁶⁴

~~5.4 — Gas used in operations~~¹⁹⁶⁵

~~The cost of fuel gas is derived from estimates of the quantity of gas used in operations. The quantity of gas used in operations in each year of the Access Arrangement Period is an estimate of the quantity of gas used as compressor fuel during the year assuming steady state flow, plus an allowance of 5% for:~~¹⁹⁶⁶

- ~~(a) — additional compressor fuel used in accommodating variable flow rates;~~¹⁹⁶⁷
- ~~(b) — Gas used as fuel in gas engine alternators and heaters;~~¹⁹⁶⁸
- ~~(c) — Gas which is vented during maintenance activities; and~~¹⁹⁶⁹
- ~~(d) — Gas which is lost from the DBNGP.~~¹⁹⁷⁰

6 ~~TOTAL REVENUE~~¹⁹⁷¹ (WACC) were.¹⁹⁷²

- (a) ¹⁹⁷³ gearing of 60% debt (the assumption made by Australian regulators setting access prices for regulated assets in the energy sector, an assumption which is consistent with the Operator's long term view of an appropriate financial structure).¹⁹⁷⁴
- (b) ¹⁹⁷⁵ tax rate of 30% (the statutory tax rate, consistent with the ERA's past practice):
and¹⁹⁷⁶
- (c) ¹⁹⁷⁷ expected inflation of 2.52% (a geometric average of Reserve Bank of Australia forecasts of inflation for the next 10 years).¹⁹⁷⁸

11.15. ¹⁹⁷⁹ Only a proportion of the market equilibrium return to equity investors is provided by the business issuing equity. The remainder of the equity return is provided, through the taxation system, from imputation credits. If the value of those credits were set at 0.65, then, with a tax rate 30%, some 22% of the return to equity investors would be in the form of imputation credits. This would mean that non-resident investors, unable to use those credits, would receive a return that is 22% below the market equilibrium required return. In the current market for funds, non-resident investors provide a material amount of the equity which funds regulated infrastructure assets including gas transmission pipelines. Providing those investors with a return that is 22% below the market equilibrium required return is not commensurate with prevailing conditions in the market for funds.¹⁹⁸⁰ Therefore, no value has been assigned to imputation credits (the factor gamma has been assigned a value of zero) for the purpose of calculating a real pre-tax WACC¹⁹⁸¹

Demonstrating the way in which the Rate of Return has been calculated¹⁹⁸²

11.16.¹⁹⁸³ The way in which the Rate of Return has been calculated is set out in Table 20.¹⁹⁸⁴

Table 20¹⁹⁸⁵ **Demonstration of calculation of the Rate of Return**¹⁹⁸⁶

$WACC_{\text{nominal post-tax}} = E(r_e) \times ((1 - t)/(1 - t \times (1 - \gamma))) \times E/V + E(r_d) \times (1 - t) \times D/V$ ¹⁹⁸⁷ $E(r_e)$ is the nominal post-tax expected rate of return on equity - the cost of equity ¹⁹⁸⁸ $E(r_d)$ is the nominal pre-tax expected rate of return on debt - the cost of debt ¹⁹⁸⁹ E/V is the proportion of equity in the total financing (which comprises equity and debt) ¹⁹⁹⁰ D/V is the proportion of debt in the total financing ¹⁹⁹¹ t is the tax rate ¹⁹⁹² γ (gamma) is the value of imputation credits ¹⁹⁹³ Divide by $1 - t$ to convert to nominal pre-tax: ¹⁹⁹⁴ $WACC_{\text{nominal pre-tax}} = E(r_e) \times (1/(1 - t \times (1 - \gamma))) \times E/V + E(r_d) \times D/V$ ¹⁹⁹⁵ Apply Fisher equation to obtain real pre-tax WACC: ¹⁹⁹⁶ $WACC_{\text{real pre-tax}} = (1 + WACC_{\text{nominal pre-tax}})/(1 + \pi^e) - 1$ ¹⁹⁹⁷ π^e is expected inflation ¹⁹⁹⁸	
<u>Parameter</u> ¹⁹⁹⁹	<u>Estimate</u> ²⁰⁰⁰
<u>Cost of equity</u> ²⁰⁰¹	<u>13.50%</u> ²⁰⁰²
<u>Cost of debt</u> ²⁰⁰³	<u>9.73%</u> ²⁰⁰⁴
<u>Gearing: equity to total value</u> ²⁰⁰⁵	<u>40.00%</u> ²⁰⁰⁶
<u>Gearing: debt to total value</u> ²⁰⁰⁷	<u>60.00%</u> ²⁰⁰⁸
<u>Tax rate</u> ²⁰⁰⁹	<u>30.00%</u> ²⁰¹⁰
<u>Value of imputation credits (gamma)</u> ²⁰¹¹	<u>0</u> ²⁰¹²
<u>Expected inflation</u> ²⁰¹³	<u>2.52%</u> ²⁰¹⁴
<u>WACC</u> ²⁰¹⁵	
<u>Nominal pre-tax WACC</u> ²⁰¹⁶	<u>13.55%</u> ²⁰¹⁷
<u>Real pre-tax WACC</u> ²⁰¹⁸	<u>10.76%</u> ²⁰¹⁹

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METHOD FOR DEALING WITH TAXATION [R. 72 (1)(h)]²⁰²¹

12.1.²⁰²² An implicit allowance is made for the cost of corporate income tax through the use of a value for the Rate of Return that is determined on a pre-tax basis.²⁰²³

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TARIFF SETTING APPROACH [R. 72 (1)(i)]²⁰²⁸

14.1.²⁰²⁹ Subject to clause 14.3, the Reference Tariff (being the R1 Tariff) has been designed to recover from Shippers using the Reference Service that portion of the Total Revenue that reflects:²⁰³⁰

(a)²⁰³¹ those costs (including capital costs) which are directly attributable to the provision of the Reference Service; and²⁰³²

(b)²⁰³³ a share of those costs (including capital costs) which are attributable to provision of the Reference Service jointly with Pipeline Services provided to other Shippers with contractual rights existing prior to the commencement of this Current Access Arrangement Period and other Pipeline Services which Operator considers are reasonably foreseeable to be offered during the Current Access Arrangement Period.²⁰³⁴

14.2.²⁰³⁵ In determining the Reference Tariff for the R1 Service, costs have been allocated to the Services provided to Shippers with Access Contracts entered into prior to the commencement of the Current Access Arrangement Period, as if those Shippers had been provided with the Reference Service.²⁰³⁶

14.3.²⁰³⁷ In accordance with section 12 of the Current Access Arrangement,²⁰³⁸ the Operator and Nominees will not benefit, through increased revenue, from each amount of Funded Capital Expenditure that has been rolled into the Capital Base. So, subject to clause 12.4(b) of the Current Access Arrangement,²⁰³⁹ the portion of the Total Revenue for each year of the Current Access Arrangement that equals the sum of the return on the Funded Capital Expenditure and the depreciation of the Funded Capital Expenditure will not be allocated to any pipeline service, including the Reference Tariff.²⁰⁴⁰

14.4.²⁰⁴¹ The Reference Tariff is designed:²⁰⁴²

(a)²⁰⁴³ to generate from the provision of the Reference Service the portion of Total Revenue attributable to provision of the Reference Service;²⁰⁴⁴

(b)²⁰⁴⁵ to generate from a Shipper or class of Shippers to which the Reference Service is provided, the portion of Total Revenue referable to providing the Reference Service to the Particular Shipper or class of Shippers; and²⁰⁴⁶

(c)²⁰⁴⁷ consistently with the pricing and revenue principles in the NGL.²⁰⁴⁸

14.5.²⁰⁴⁹ For the purpose of recovery of costs from Shippers and of earning the portion of Total Revenue attributable to the Reference Service, the Reference Tariff is divided into a two part tariff structure:²⁰⁵⁰

(a)²⁰⁵¹ R1 Capacity Reservation Tariff; and²⁰⁵²

(b)²⁰⁵³ R1 Commodity Tariff.²⁰⁵⁴

R1 Capacity Reservation Tariff²⁰⁵⁵

14.6.²⁰⁵⁶ The R1 Capacity Reservation Tariff for the Reference Service, when applied to determine the R1 Capacity Reservation Charge, recovers from each Reference Service Shipper a proportion of the return and depreciation on, and a proportion of the operating expenditure²⁰⁵⁷ incurred in operating and maintaining, the DBNGP²⁰⁵⁸ other than those

assets that make up the DBNGP for which a capital contribution has been made by a Shipper.²⁰⁵⁹

14.7. ²⁰⁶⁰In accordance with the terms of the Access Contract Terms and Conditions:²⁰⁶¹

(a) ²⁰⁶²the Shipper must pay a R1 Capacity Reservation Charge for each Gas Day during the Period of Supply regardless of whether the Shipper provides Gas at any Inlet Point and regardless of whether the Shipper takes Gas at any Outlet Point; and²⁰⁶³

(b) ²⁰⁶⁴the R1 Capacity Reservation Charge is the aggregate of the Shipper's Contracted Capacity for the Reference Service at each Outlet Point multiplied by the R1 Capacity Reservation Tariff.²⁰⁶⁵

14.8. ²⁰⁶⁶The R1²⁰⁶⁷ Capacity Reservation Tariff is a number of dollars per GJ of Contracted Capacity for the Reference Service²⁰⁶⁸ and is.²⁰⁶⁹

(a) ²⁰⁷⁰as at the commencement of the Current Access Arrangement Period - as specified in the Current Access Arrangement.²⁰⁷¹

(b) ²⁰⁷²otherwise varied in accordance with clause 11 of the Access Arrangement.²⁰⁷³

R1 Commodity Tariff²⁰⁷⁴

14.9. ²⁰⁷⁵The R1 Commodity Tariff for the Reference Service, when applied to determine the Commodity Charge, recovers from the Shipper a proportion of the cost of the fuel gas used on the DBNGP.²⁰⁷⁶

14.10. ²⁰⁷⁷In accordance with the terms of the Access Contract Terms and Conditions, the R1 Shipper must pay a R1 Commodity Charge for each Gas Day during the Period of Supply by calculating²⁰⁷⁸ the multiple of the R1 Commodity Tariff and each GJ of Gas Delivered to the Shipper up to Contracted Capacity for R1 Services at all Outlet Points by the Operator on that Gas Day.²⁰⁷⁹

14.11. ²⁰⁸⁰The R1²⁰⁸¹ Commodity Tariff is a number of dollars per GJ of gas actually Delivered to any²⁰⁸² Outlet Point on the DBNGP.²⁰⁸³

14.12. ²⁰⁸⁴The R1 Shipper is required to pay Other Charges as required by the Access Contract Terms and Conditions;²⁰⁸⁵

14.13. ²⁰⁸⁶The R1 Capacity Reservation Charge, the R1 Commodity Charge and all Other Charges, as determined in accordance with the Access Contract Terms and Conditions, are exclusive of GST.²⁰⁸⁷

14.14. ²⁰⁸⁸Table 21²⁰⁸⁹ shows the cost allocation to be recovered by the²⁰⁹⁰ R1 Capacity Reservation and R1 Commodity components of the Reference Tariff.²⁰⁹¹

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Table 21 ²⁰⁹³ Cost Allocation derived by each component of the Reference Tariff (Real \$million at 31 December 2009) ²⁰⁹⁴

<u>Year ending 31 December</u> ²⁰⁹⁵	<u>2011</u> ²⁰⁹⁶	<u>2012</u> ²⁰⁹⁷	<u>2013</u> ²⁰⁹⁸	<u>2014</u> ²⁰⁹⁹	<u>2015</u> ²¹⁰⁰
<u>Fuel Gas</u> ²¹⁰¹	<u>19.91</u> ²¹⁰²	<u>21.04</u> ²¹⁰³	<u>20.95</u> ²¹⁰⁴	<u>23.08</u> ²¹⁰⁵	<u>23.51</u> ²¹⁰⁶
<u>Other Components of Total Revenue</u> ²¹⁰⁷	<u>539.99</u> ²¹⁰⁸	<u>540.61</u> ²¹⁰⁹	<u>523.65</u> ²¹¹⁰	<u>517.23</u> ²¹¹¹	<u>510.14</u> ²¹¹²
<u>Total</u> ²¹¹³	<u>559.90</u> ²¹¹⁴	<u>561.65</u> ²¹¹⁵	<u>544.60</u> ²¹¹⁶	<u>540.31</u> ²¹¹⁷	<u>533.65</u> ²¹¹⁸
<u>Present Value of Costs Recovered (discounted at the rate of return)</u> ²¹¹⁹					
<u>by R1 Capacity Reservation Tariff</u> ²¹²⁰	<u>472.82</u> ²¹²¹	<u>432.36</u> ²¹²²	<u>389.29</u> ²¹²³	<u>351.47</u> ²¹²⁴	<u>317.32</u> ²¹²⁵
<u>by R1 Commodity Tariff</u> ²¹²⁶	<u>19.01</u> ²¹²⁷	<u>17.58</u> ²¹²⁸	<u>15.84</u> ²¹²⁹	<u>14.42</u> ²¹³⁰	<u>13.13</u> ²¹³¹
<u>Total</u> ²¹³²	<u>491.83</u> ²¹³³	<u>449.94</u> ²¹³⁴	<u>405.13</u> ²¹³⁵	<u>365.89</u> ²¹³⁶	<u>330.45</u> ²¹³⁷

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REFERENCE TARIFF VARIATION MECHANISM RATIONALE [R. 72(1)(k)]²¹³⁹

- 15.1. ²¹⁴⁰ Rule 92 of the NGR requires a Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism to be included in the Current Access Arrangement.²¹⁴¹
- 15.2. ²¹⁴² Rule 97 of the NGR provides that a Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism may provide for variation of a Reference Tariff.²¹⁴³
- (a) ²¹⁴⁴ in accordance with a schedule of fixed tariffs.²¹⁴⁵
- (b) ²¹⁴⁶ in accordance with a formula set out in the Current Access Arrangement; or²¹⁴⁷
- (c) ²¹⁴⁸ as a result of a cost pass through for a defined event (such as a cost pass through for a particular tax).²¹⁴⁹
- 15.3. ²¹⁵⁰ The Current Access Arrangement contains a Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism that is made up of 4 parts – see section 11 of the Current Access Arrangement.²¹⁵¹
- (a) ²¹⁵² CPI Formula Variation.²¹⁵³
- (b) ²¹⁵⁴ Tax Changes Variation.²¹⁵⁵
- (c) ²¹⁵⁶ New Costs Pass Through Variation; and²¹⁵⁷
- (d) ²¹⁵⁸ Any variation mechanism that is otherwise included in the Reference Service Access Contract Terms and Conditions.²¹⁵⁹
- 15.4. ²¹⁶⁰ Rule 92(2) of the NGR requires each Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism to be designed to equalize (in terms of present values).²¹⁶¹
- (a) ²¹⁶² forecast revenue from Reference Services over the Current Access Arrangement Period; and²¹⁶³
- (b) ²¹⁶⁴ the portion of Total Revenue allocated to Reference Services for the Current Access Arrangement Period.²¹⁶⁵
- 15.5. ²¹⁶⁶ Rule 97 of the NGR also sets out criteria that the Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism must meet. They are that the Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism has regard to:²¹⁶⁷
- (a) ²¹⁶⁸ the need for efficient tariff structures.²¹⁶⁹
- (b) ²¹⁷⁰ the possible effects of the reference tariff variation mechanism on the administrative costs of the regulator, the service provider, and users or potential users.²¹⁷¹
- (c) ²¹⁷² the regulatory arrangements (if any) applicable to the relevant reference services²¹⁷³ before the commencement of the²¹⁷⁴ proposed reference tariff variation mechanism.²¹⁷⁵
- (d) ²¹⁷⁶ the desirability of consistency between regulatory arrangements for similar services (both within and beyond the relevant jurisdiction); and any other relevant factor.²¹⁷⁷
- 15.6. ²¹⁷⁸ Accordingly, each part of the Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism is justified against these criteria as follows:²¹⁷⁹
- 15.7. ²¹⁸⁰ In relation to the CPI Formula Variation formula:²¹⁸¹

- (a) ²¹⁸²The Reference Tariff in the Current Access Arrangement is set using real, December 2009 values. Therefore, if the tariff components are not periodically varied for the effects of inflation during the Current Access Arrangement Period, the Operator will not have the opportunity of recovering its efficiently incurred – nominal – costs of providing Reference Services.²¹⁸³
- (b) ²¹⁸⁴The Current Access Arrangement provides for annual inflation adjustment of the reference tariff using the CPI, All Groups for Perth. This is appropriate given that most of the Operator's costs are incurred in Western Australia.²¹⁸⁵
- (c) ²¹⁸⁶The formula will not impact on the administrative costs of the Regulator.²¹⁸⁷
- (d) ²¹⁸⁸The formula is consistent with the variation mechanism in the Prior Access Arrangement Period and with variation mechanisms in access arrangements for other covered pipelines.²¹⁸⁹

15.8. ²¹⁹⁰In relation to the Tax Change Variation formula:²¹⁹¹

- (a) ²¹⁹²The Current Access Arrangement contains amounts for certain types of Taxes and Carbon Costs that are likely to be incurred by the Operator but does not contain amounts.²¹⁹³
 - (i) ²¹⁹⁴where the precise quantum of the costs is not certain; and²¹⁹⁵
 - (ii) ²¹⁹⁶where those uncertain costs are expected to be significant in their quantum.²¹⁹⁷
- (b) ²¹⁹⁸Therefore there is a significant risk that without this formula.²¹⁹⁹
 - (i) ²²⁰⁰if an amount is not included or an insufficient amount is included, the Operator would be adversely affected and not be able to recover its costs; or²²⁰¹
 - (ii) ²²⁰²if an amount is included and this amount is significantly larger in quantum than the actual expenditure for this item, the Operator would recover more than its costs for providing the Reference Services.²²⁰³
- (c) ²²⁰⁴So, this formula will ensure that forecast revenue from Reference Services over the Current Access Arrangement Period will be equalised (in terms of present values) with the portion of Total Revenue allocated to the Reference Service for the Current Access Arrangement Period.²²⁰⁵
- (d) ²²⁰⁶In the case of Carbon Costs, at the time of approval of the Current Access Arrangement, the federal government has tabled a series of bills in the national parliament to give effect to an emissions trading scheme. Under the proposed legislation, the Operator (or Related Body Corporate of the Operator) will be subject to liability in relation to greenhouse gas emissions from the operation of the DBNGP. So, there is a very high likelihood that Carbon Costs will need to be included in operating expenditure.²²⁰⁷
- (e) ²²⁰⁸In the case of other Taxes, there is a requirement for a review to be undertaken of the fees payable to the State under the Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1998 in relation to rights granted to the Operator for the use of the DBNGP corridor. The State has issued invoices to the Operator for a revised fee although these are previously under review by the State.²²⁰⁹
- (f) ²²¹⁰It is therefore appropriate that a formula be included to ensure there is no under recovery or over recovery of amounts for such Tax Changes and that Shippers are reimbursed for any over recovery.²²¹¹

15.9. ²²¹²In relation to the New Costs Pass Through Variation:²²¹³

- (a) ²²¹⁴ It allows the Operator to recover certain costs which are beyond its control, and which could not be predicted with any great certainty prior to the time at the revisions to the Current Access Arrangement was approved. ²²¹⁵
- (b) ²²¹⁶ This is an efficient tariff structure as the Operator will neither over-recover nor under-recover, and the Shipper will pay a Reference Tariff that reflects the costs of providing the Reference Service. ²²¹⁷
- (c) ²²¹⁸ The Operator has recently experienced a situation where it was asked to pay a significant increase in the price of system use gas it needs to operate and maintain the DBNGP. Such a mechanism is efficient in that it would: ²²¹⁹
- (i) ²²²⁰ avoid the risk that these expenses could not be passed on to Shippers. ²²²¹
- (ii) ²²²² reduce the consequences to the Operator and Shippers that could arise as a result of the adverse financial impact on the Operator; and ²²²³
- (iii) ²²²⁴ avoid the costs involved in renegotiating contracts with Shippers that would be required to otherwise allow the pass through of the increased expenses. ²²²⁵
- (d) ²²²⁶ This formula is largely consistent with regulatory arrangements in place for other transmission pipelines. ²²²⁷
- (i) ²²²⁸ In Western Australia, there is no other provider of services similar to the Reference Services provided by the Operator. There is, therefore, no issue of consistency between the Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism and regulatory arrangements for similar services. ²²²⁹

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19. ²²³⁵TOTAL REVENUE [R. 72(1)(m)]²²³⁶

19.1. ~~6.1~~²²³⁷Calculation²²³⁸~~Methodology~~²²³⁹of Total Revenue²²⁴⁰

(a) The Total Revenue for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period²²⁴¹ has been calculated ~~by the Cost of Service methodology as described in section 8.4 of the Code, wherein the Total Revenue is equal to the cost of providing all Services (some of which may be the forecast of such costs), and with this cost to be calculated on the basis of:~~²²⁴² using the building block approach described in Rule 76 of the NGR.²²⁴³

(b) ²²⁴⁴The Total Revenue for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period has been calculated as the sum over the Current Access Arrangement Period of the costs in each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period that comprise the sum in each year of:²²⁴⁵

(i) ~~•~~²²⁴⁶ ~~a return (Rate of Return)~~²²⁴⁷ ~~on the value of the capital assets that form the Covered Pipeline or are otherwise used to provide Services (Capital Base);~~²²⁴⁸ projected capital base for the year;²²⁴⁹

(ii) ~~•~~²²⁵⁰ ~~depreciation of the Capital Base (Depreciation); and~~²²⁵¹ on the projected capital base for the year;²²⁵²

~~• the operating, maintenance and other non capital costs incurred in providing all Services (Non Capital Costs).~~²²⁵³

~~The methodology has been applied on a real basis as described in section 8.5A(b) of the Code under which the Capital Base, Depreciation and all costs and revenues are expressed in constant prices and a real Rate of Return is allowed.~~²²⁵⁴

(iii) ²²⁵⁵(if any) increments or decrements for the year resulting from the operation of the incentive mechanism that existed in the Prior Access Arrangement; and²²⁵⁶

(iv) ²²⁵⁷a forecast of operational expenditure for the year.²²⁵⁸

19.2. ²²⁵⁹There are no amounts included in the Total Revenue calculation for each year of the Current Access Arrangement Period²²⁶⁰for the estimated cost of corporate income tax.²²⁶¹

19.3. ²²⁶²The Total Revenue for each year of²²⁶³ the Current²²⁶⁴ Access Arrangement Period is indicated in Table ~~13.~~²²⁶⁵ 22.²²⁶⁶

~~Table 13.~~²²⁶⁷

Table 22²²⁶⁸ Value of Total Revenue ~~derived by the Authority~~
²²⁶⁹ (Real \$million at 31 December ~~2004~~²²⁷⁰ 2009²²⁷¹)

Year ending 31 December ²²⁷²	2	2	2	2	2	2
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	4
	5	6	7	8	9	0
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	7	7	7	7	7	7
	3	4	5	6	7	8
Return on Assets ²²⁷⁹	4	4	4	4	4	4
	4	4	4	4	6	6
	7	4	7	4	0	2
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	9	3	0	2	4
	3	0	9	4	4	4
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	8	8	8	8	8	8
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Depreciation ²²⁸⁶	4	4	4	5	6	6
	4	4	6	4	0	4
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	4	9	5	0	4
	9	8	9	8	3	5
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	8	8	8	9	9	9
	7	8	9	0	1	2
Non Capital Costs ²²⁹³	5	5	7	7	7	7
	9	7	7	6	3	4
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	2	4	3	8	5
	5	2	6	4	7	7
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	9	9	9	9	9	9
	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total ²³⁰⁰	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2	4	4	7	9	9
	0	6	4	4	4	8
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	6	8	9	4	4
	8	0	4	0	0	3
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	3	3	3	3	3	3
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Present Value (Real discount rate of 7.24 per cent) ²³⁰⁷	4					
	-					
	4					
	9					
	9					
	-					
	5					

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Total Revenue is recovered from Reference Tariffs, the Capacity Reservation tariff component recovers all costs except for Fuel Gas cost, which is intended to be recovered by the application of the Commodity tariff component. The Fuel Gas cost represents 9.9 per cent of the Present Value of the Total Revenue determined by the Authority.²³⁰⁹

Table 14²³¹⁰ shows the cost allocation to be recovered by the²³¹¹ Capacity Reservation and Commodity components of the Reference Tariff.²³¹²

Table 14. Cost Allocation derived by the Authority (Real \$million at 31 December 2004) ²³¹³						
Year ending 31 December ²³¹⁴	2005 ²³¹⁵	2006 ²³¹⁶	2007 ²³¹⁷	2008 ²³¹⁸	2009 ²³¹⁹	2010 ²³²⁰
Capacity Reservation ²³²¹	-201.46 ²³²²	-197.27 ²³²³	-214.09 ²³²⁴	-242.90 ²³²⁵	-265.14 ²³²⁶	-269.45 ²³²⁷
Commodity (Fuel Gas) ²³²⁸	-19.32 ²³²⁹	-19.32 ²³³⁰	-27.74 ²³³¹	-28.99 ²³³²	-28.96 ²³³³	-28.98 ²³³⁴
Total ²³³⁵	-220.78 ²³³⁶	-216.60 ²³³⁷	-241.84 ²³³⁸	-271.90 ²³³⁹	-294.10 ²³⁴⁰	-298.43 ²³⁴¹
Present Value (Real discount rate of 7.24 per cent) ²³⁴²						
Capacity Reservation ²³⁴³	-1,080.81 ²³⁴⁴					
Commodity (Fuel Gas) ²³⁴⁵	-118.72 ²³⁴⁶					
Total ²³⁴⁷	-1,199.53 ²³⁴⁸					

7 INFORMATION REGARDING VOLUME ASSUMPTIONS²³⁴⁹

7.1 Forecast of Contracted Capacities and Volumes²³⁵⁰

Table 15 indicates the forecasts of capacity to be contracted during the Access Arrangement Period, and forecasts of the volumes of gas expected to be delivered using that contracted capacity. Part Haul and Back Haul volumes have been weighted by distance in relation to Full Haul distance to enable their representation as Full Haul Equivalents.²³⁵¹

Table15. Forecast of Demand for Services ²³⁵²						
Year ending 31 December ²³⁵³	2005 ²³⁵⁴	2006 ²³⁵⁵	2007 ²³⁵⁶	2008 ²³⁵⁷	2009 ²³⁵⁸	2010 ²³⁵⁹
Full Haul ²³⁶⁰						
Contracted capacity (TJ/day) ²³⁶¹	593.22 ²³⁶ 2	613.22 ²³⁶ 3	688.96 ²³⁶ 4	743.87 ²³⁶ 5	761.11 ²³⁶ 6	798.74 ²³⁶ 7
Throughput (TJ/day) ²³⁶⁸	571.97 ²³⁶ 9	590.68 ²³⁷ 0	658.52 ²³⁷ 1	712.45 ²³⁷ 2	729.02 ²³⁷ 3	763.56 ²³⁷ 4
Part Haul (forward haul) ²³⁷⁵						
Contracted capacity (TJ/day) ²³⁷⁶	73.88 ²³⁷⁷	73.89 ²³⁷⁸	73.45 ²³⁷⁹	62.70 ²³⁸⁰	62.70 ²³⁸¹	62.70 ²³⁸²
Throughput (TJ/day) ²³⁸³	-54.57 ²³⁸⁴	-54.46 ²³⁸⁵	-54.09 ²³⁸⁶	-43.84 ²³⁸⁷	-43.84 ²³⁸⁸	-43.84 ²³⁸⁹
Capacity Reservation, Full Haul Equivalent [TJ/day] ²³⁹⁰	-15.27 ²³⁹¹	-14.47 ²³⁹²	-13.53 ²³⁹³	-12.97 ²³⁹⁴	-12.97 ²³⁹⁵	-12.97 ²³⁹⁶
Throughput, Full Haul Equivalent [TJ/day] ²³⁹⁷	-13.98 ²³⁹⁸	-13.16 ²³⁹⁹	-12.20 ²⁴⁰⁰	-11.65 ²⁴⁰¹	-11.65 ²⁴⁰²	-11.65 ²⁴⁰³
Back Haul ²⁴⁰⁴						
Contracted capacity (TJ/day) ²⁴⁰⁵	66.08 ²⁴⁰⁶	109.20 ²⁴⁰ 7	112.20 ²⁴⁰ 8	112.20 ²⁴⁰ 9	112.20 ²⁴¹ 0	112.20 ²⁴¹ 1
Throughput (TJ/day) ²⁴¹²	62.65 ²⁴¹³	109.20 ²⁴¹ 4	112.20 ²⁴¹ 5	112.20 ²⁴¹ 6	112.20 ²⁴¹ 7	112.20 ²⁴¹ 8
Capacity Reservation, Full Haul Equivalent [TJ/day] ²⁴¹⁹	-5.97 ²⁴²⁰	-10.05 ²⁴²¹	-10.30 ²⁴²²	-10.30 ²⁴²³	-10.30 ²⁴²⁴	-10.30 ²⁴²⁵
Throughput, Full Haul Equivalent [TJ/day] ²⁴²⁶	-5.69 ²⁴²⁷	-10.05 ²⁴²⁸	-10.30 ²⁴²⁹	-10.30 ²⁴³⁰	-10.30 ²⁴³¹	-10.30 ²⁴³²
Total Full Haul Equivalent ²⁴³³						
Capacity Reservation [TJ/day] ²⁴³⁴	-614.46 ²⁴³⁵	-637.74 ²⁴³⁶	-712.79 ²⁴³⁷	-767.14 ²⁴³⁸	-784.37 ²⁴³⁹	-822.01 ²⁴⁴⁰
Throughput [TJ/day] ²⁴⁴¹	-591.64 ²⁴⁴²	-613.89 ²⁴⁴³	-681.03 ²⁴⁴⁴	-734.40 ²⁴⁴⁵	-750.97 ²⁴⁴⁶	-785.51 ²⁴⁴⁷

8 INFORMATION REGARDING REFERENCE TARIFFS²⁴⁴⁸

The Reference Tariff is derived so that the Present Value of the forecast Annual Revenues equals the Present Value of the Total Revenue (Cost of Service) of \$1,119.53 million.²⁴⁴⁹

Reference Tariffs for 2005 are as follows:²⁴⁵⁰

Table 16. Reference Tariffs derived by the Authority²⁴⁵¹

Service and Charge ²⁴⁵²	Tariff Charges 2005 ²⁴⁵³
Full Haul²⁴⁵⁴	
Capacity reservation charge (\$/GJ MDQ) ²⁴⁵⁵	0.899899 ²⁴⁵⁶
Commodity charge (\$/GJ) ²⁴⁵⁷	0.103122 ²⁴⁵⁸
Indicative total at 100% load factor (\$/GJ) ²⁴⁵⁹	1.003021 ²⁴⁶⁰
Part Haul and Back Haul²⁴⁶¹	
Capacity reservation charge (\$/GJ MDQ/km) ²⁴⁶²	0.000643 ²⁴⁶³
Commodity charge (\$/GJ/km) ²⁴⁶⁴	0.000074 ²⁴⁶⁵
Indicative total at 100% load factor (\$/GJ/km) ²⁴⁶⁶	0.000717 ²⁴⁶⁷

Year ending 31 December ²⁴⁶⁸	2011 ²⁴⁶⁹	2012 ²⁴⁷⁰	2013 ²⁴⁷¹	2014 ²⁴⁷²	2015 ²⁴⁷³
<u>Return on Projected Capital Base²⁴⁷⁴</u>	<u>356.66</u> ²⁴⁷⁵	<u>354.37</u> ²⁴⁷⁶	<u>346.25</u> ²⁴⁷⁷	<u>337.82</u> ²⁴⁷⁸	<u>329.27</u> ²⁴⁷⁹
<u>Depreciation on the Projected Capital Base²⁴⁸⁰</u>	<u>91.39</u> ²⁴⁸¹	<u>93.36</u> ²⁴⁸²	<u>93.74</u> ²⁴⁸³	<u>94.12</u> ²⁴⁸⁴	<u>94.51</u> ²⁴⁸⁵
<u>Incentive Mechanism²⁴⁸⁶</u>	<u>10.22</u> ²⁴⁸⁷	<u>9.97</u> ²⁴⁸⁸	<u>0.00</u> ²⁴⁸⁹	<u>0.00</u> ²⁴⁹⁰	<u>0.00</u> ²⁴⁹¹
<u>Forecast Operating Expenditure²⁴⁹²</u>	<u>101.64</u> ²⁴⁹³	<u>103.96</u> ²⁴⁹⁴	<u>104.60</u> ²⁴⁹⁵	<u>108.37</u> ²⁴⁹⁶	<u>109.87</u> ²⁴⁹⁷
<u>Total²⁴⁹⁸</u>	<u>559.90</u> ²⁴⁹⁹	<u>561.65</u> ²⁵⁰⁰	<u>544.60</u> ²⁵⁰¹	<u>540.31</u> ²⁵⁰²	<u>533.65</u> ²⁵⁰³
<u>Present Value (discounted at the rate of return)²⁵⁰⁴</u>	<u>505.51</u> ²⁵⁰⁵	<u>457.82</u> ²⁵⁰⁶	<u>400.79</u> ²⁵⁰⁷	<u>359.00</u> ²⁵⁰⁸	<u>320.13</u> ²⁵⁰⁹

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INTERPRETATION²⁵¹¹

²⁵¹² Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in capitals in this AAI have²⁵¹³

²⁵¹⁴ the meaning given in this section 18;²⁵¹⁵

²⁵¹⁶ if no meaning is given in this section 18, the meaning given in the Current Access Arrangement or the Access Contract Terms and Conditions; and²⁵¹⁷

²⁵¹⁸ if no meaning is given in this section 18 or in the Current Access Arrangement or the Access Contract Terms and Conditions, the meaning given in the NGA.²⁵¹⁹

²⁵²⁰ In this²⁵²¹ AAI.²⁵²²

AAI has the meaning given in clause 1.1.²⁵²³

Back Haul means a Pipeline Service where the Inlet Point is downstream of the Outlet Point on the DBNGP.²⁵²⁴

BBSW means the Australian Financial Markets Association's bank-bill reference rate, published daily on the Reuters monitor system.²⁵²⁵

CAPM means a model used to determine the cost of equity known as the (Sharpe-Lintner) capital asset pricing model.²⁵²⁶

Full Haul means a Pipeline Service where the Outlet Point is downstream of Compressor Station 9, regardless of the location of the Inlet Point, but does not include Back Haul.²⁵²⁷

KPI means key performance indicator.²⁵²⁸

Pipeline Capacity means the capacity to deliver pipeline services immediately downstream of Compressor Station 9 on the DBNGP, based on the assumptions outlined in paragraph 8.2.²⁵²⁹

Prior Access Arrangement Information has the meaning given to it in clause 1.2 of this AAI.²⁵³⁰

Prior Access Arrangement Period means the period to which the Prior Access Arrangement applied as indicated in Table 2 in clause 3.1 of this AAI.²⁵³¹

Rate of Return means the rate, identified in clause 11.2 of this AAI, required for the purposes of establishing the Total Revenue and as determined under Rule 87 of the NGR.²⁵³²

~~For the years 2006 to 2011, the values of the Capacity reservation charge and Commodity charge are escalated by full CPI~~²⁵³³ Reference Tariff means the reference tariff for the Reference Service and as outlined in the Current Access Arrangement, and as varied²⁵³⁴ in accordance with ~~clause 7.11 of~~²⁵³⁵ the Current²⁵³⁶ Access Arrangement.

~~The forecast expected Annual Revenues based on forecast capacity to be contracted during the Access Arrangement Period and forecasts of the volumes for the~~²⁵³⁷ Total Revenue means the total revenue as determined for each regulatory year of the Current²⁵³⁸ Access Arrangement Period ~~is shown in Table 17.~~²⁵³⁹ by applying the formula in Rule 76 of the NGR.²⁵⁴⁰

Table 17. Forecast Annual Revenue²⁵⁴¹ derived by the Authority²⁵⁴² (Real \$million at 31 December 2004)						
Year ending 31 December²⁵⁴³	2005²⁵⁴⁴	2006²⁵⁴⁵	2007²⁵⁴⁶	2008²⁵⁴⁷	2009²⁵⁴⁸	2010²⁵⁴⁹
Capacity Reservation ²⁵⁵⁰	-196.44 ²⁵⁵¹	-203.88 ²⁵⁵²	-227.87 ²⁵⁵³	-245.92 ²⁵⁵⁴	-250.76 ²⁵⁵⁵	-262.79 ²⁵⁵⁶
Commodity (Fuel Gas) ²⁵⁵⁷	-21.67 ²⁵⁵⁸	-22.49 ²⁵⁵⁹	-24.95 ²⁵⁶⁰	-26.98 ²⁵⁶¹	-27.51 ²⁵⁶²	-28.78 ²⁵⁶³
Total²⁵⁶⁴	-218.11²⁵⁶⁵	-226.37²⁵⁶⁶	-252.82²⁵⁶⁷	-272.90²⁵⁶⁸	-278.27²⁵⁶⁹	-291.57²⁵⁷⁰
Present Value (Real discount rate of 7.24 per cent)²⁵⁷¹						
Capacity Reservation ²⁵⁷²	-1,080.81 ²⁵⁷³					
Commodity (Fuel Gas) ²⁵⁷⁴	-118.72 ²⁵⁷⁵					
Total²⁵⁷⁶	-1,199.53²⁵⁷⁷					

ANNEXURE 1²⁵⁷⁸

DBNGP SYSTEM²⁵⁷⁹

DESCRIPTION OF THE GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM²⁵⁸⁰

~~(Note: Annexure 1 has been issued as a separate document)²⁵⁸¹~~

WACC means the weighted average cost of capital approach.²⁵⁸²

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