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NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions

PROPOSED REVISED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE DAMPIER TO BUNBURY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on the proposed revised access arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (**DBNGP**).

On 1 April 2010, DBNGP (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd (**DBP**), as the operator and complying service provider of the DBNGP, submitted proposed revisions to the access arrangement on its own behalf and on behalf of DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd.

The proposed revised access arrangement, access arrangement information and related documents are available on the Authority's [website](#). Corrections were made to these documents after their initial submission by DBP. The documents published on the website contain the corrections.

The proposed revisions were lodged under the *National Gas Access (Western Australia) Act 2009 (NGA)* which came into effect in Western Australia on 1 January 2010. The NGA amends and implements the National Gas Law (**NGL**) and the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) in Western Australia.

The Authority has identified four entities as service providers under the NGL for the DBNGP. These are DBP, DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd, DBNGP Holdings Pty Ltd and DBNGP Compressor Co Pty Ltd.

The NGL places an obligation on service providers to submit an access arrangement only if they fall into the category of being a covered pipeline service provider. DBP has advised that for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline only DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd and itself are covered pipeline service providers. DBP has been appointed as the complying service provider to submit revisions to the access arrangement for the DBNGP. However, all service providers are subject to other obligations such as submitting associate contracts and segregation obligations.

The access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions under which DBP will provide third party users access to pipeline services on the DBNGP, while the access arrangement information and supporting information is provided to help interested parties better understand DBP's proposed access arrangement revisions. It should be noted that reference tariffs are independent of retail tariffs that apply to general small business and household consumers.

The Authority intends to publish an issues paper as soon as possible to assist interested parties in preparing submissions on DBP's proposed access arrangement revisions. A notice will be published at that time.

Invitation to Make Public Submissions

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on DBP's proposed revised access arrangement for the DBNGP in printed and/or electronic form by **4:00 pm (WST) on Friday, 11 June 2010**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Manager Projects:

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim.

Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the NGA.

The publication of a submission on the Authority's website shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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