



NOTICE

Western Power Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section)

MAJOR AUGMENTATION PROPOSAL

The Economic Regulation Authority will be inviting submissions on Western Power's proposed Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) augmentation, which the utility has submitted for a determination on whether it meets the regulatory test as required under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

The Authority received Western Power's [augmentation proposal](#) on 26 November 2010 and this has today been published on the ERA's website.

Before Western Power can commit to a major augmentation, it must satisfy the regulatory test required under the Access Code. The regulatory test is an assessment of whether the proposed work maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in the South West interconnected network after all alternative options are considered.

An augmentation for a covered network is an increase in its capability to provide covered services, including through the development, construction, acquisition or commissioning of new network assets.

The Authority will soon publish an issues paper to help interested parties prepare submissions on Western Power's proposal. When the Authority publishes its issues paper, interested parties will be formally invited to make submissions over a 10 business day consultation period. A further notice will be published at this time, specifying the closing date for submissions.

The Access Code requires the Authority to publish its determination within 45 business days of receipt of the proposal, which is 4 February 2011.

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