



NOTICE

Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline

CALCULATION OF TIME FOR PUBLICATION OF A FINAL DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has decided to disregard certain periods of time, under rule 11 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**), for the purpose of calculating the time for the publication of a final decision on DBNGP (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd's (**DBP**) proposed revised access arrangement.

The periods of time to be disregarded are:

- The public submission period on DBP's proposed revised access arrangement from 14 April to 9 July 2010.
- The period provided to DBP, from 17 November to 9 December 2010, to submit information to the Authority requested by a notice pursuant to section 42 of the Western Australian National Gas Access Law (**NGL**).
- The public submission period on the Authority's discussion paper, "[Measuring the Debt Risk Premium: A Bond-Yield Approach](#)", from 1 December 2010 to 7 January 2011. Submissions on this discussion paper will inform the Authority in making its draft decision on DBP's revisions proposal.

It is anticipated that the Authority's draft decision on DBP's proposed revised access arrangement will be published early 2011. A subsequent public submission period will also be considered as disregarded time under rule 11 of the NGR. The date of the publication of the final decision will depend on the timing of this process.

Pursuant to rule 13(2) of the NGR, there is an overall time limit of 13 months between the date on which a service provider submits an access arrangement proposal and the date for the publication of a final decision. The Authority's final decision must therefore be published by 1 May 2011.

Background

DBP lodged proposed revisions to its access arrangement on 1 April 2010. Rule 62(7) of the NGR states that "an access arrangement final decision must be made within six months of the date of receipt of the access arrangement proposal". Where a time limit has been prescribed in the NGL or the NGR, the Authority as the decision-maker, under rule 11 of the NGR, has the discretion to disregard certain periods for the purpose of calculating elapsed time. Such periods include:

- any period taken by the service provider, or any other person, to provide information that is relevant to the Authority's decision (draft or final) on the proposal, in response to a request that is made under the Law (rule 11(1)(b)); and
- any period allowed for public submissions on the proposal or the Authority's draft decision (rule 11(1)(c)).

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