



INFORMATION

Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PUBLICATION OF A FINAL DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined that a final decision to approve or not approve the WA Gas Networks' (**WAGN**) proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System (**GDS**) has been extended to 28 February 2011.

Under rule 62(7) of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) the Authority has 6 months from the date of receipt of an access arrangement proposal to make a final decision. The Authority has determined that an extension of time is necessary and has granted an extension of time in accordance with rule 62(8) of the NGR. The extension is necessary to deal with questions of unusual complexity, including the matters relating to the assessment of the rate of return proposed by WAGN (rule 12(2)).

The Authority previously gave notice on 7 December 2010, that it would disregard certain periods of time, under rule 11 of the NGR, for the purpose of calculating the time by which a final decision on WAGN's proposed revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System (**GDS**) must be published.

The periods of time to be disregarded included:

- The public submission period on WAGN's proposed revised access arrangement from 12 February to 12 April 2010.
- The public submission period on the Authority's [draft decision](#) to not approve WAGN's proposed revised access arrangement from 17 August to 5 November 2010.
- 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.

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