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Regulatory Test Determination

WESTERN POWER'S MID WEST ENERGY PROJECT (SOUTHERN SECTION)

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined that Western Power's proposed Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) major augmentation satisfies the regulatory test under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

The proposed augmentation involves the construction of a 330 kV transmission line from Neerabup to Karara Mining Ltd's iron ore mine site via Eneabba and the interconnection of the existing 132 kV Three Springs substation with a new 330 kV Three Springs Terminal.

The determination and related documents, including public submissions made to the Authority on the proposal, are available on the ERA's [website](#).

In making its determination, the Authority considered Western Power's proposal, independent reports prepared by Geoff Brown and Associates Pty Ltd and Marsden Jacob Associates and all submissions received during the Authority's 10 business day consultation period (which ran from 20 December 2010 to 6 January 2011).

Background

Under the Access Code, proposed major augmentations must satisfy a regulatory test before the service provider can proceed. The regulatory test is set out in Chapter 9 of the Code and is an assessment of whether a proposed major augmentation maximises the net benefit to those who generate, transport and consume electricity in Western Power's covered network and any interconnected system, after considering alternative options.

Western Power submitted its Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) major augmentation proposal to the Authority on 26 November 2010 for a regulatory test assessment. The Authority published an issues paper on 20 December 2010 to help interested parties prepare submissions on the proposal.

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