

**INFORMATION** 

# Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline: Proposed Revised Access Arrangement

#### DISCLOSURE OF SUBMISSION ON ERA DISCUSSION PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority has today published a submission from DBNGP (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd (**DBP**), Response to ERA Discussion Paper - Measuring the Debt Risk premium: A Bond-Yield Approach, on its website.

In publishing the DBP submission, the Authority has decided to disclose information that DBP has claimed to be confidential. This disclosure decision has been made pursuant to section 329 of the Western Australian National Gas Access Law (**NGL(WA)**), as implemented by the *National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009*.

The Authority has disclosed the submission under the NGL(WA) as the Authority is considering the submission as part of its assessment of the proposed revised access arrangement submitted by DBP.

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### Notice of disclosure

Pursuant to section 329(2) of the NGL(WA), on 24 January 2011, the Authority issued an *Initial Disclosure Notice* to DBP giving notice of the Authority's intention to disclose information in its submission about the Authority's discussion paper that DBP claimed to be confidential.

DBP was given until 5:00 PM (WST) Monday, 31 January 2011 to make representations to the Authority not to disclose the information in question. The Authority considered DBP's representations. On 9 February 2011, the Authority issued a *Further Disclosure Notice* to DBP pursuant to section 329(6) of the NGL(WA) giving notice of the Authority's intention to disclose information that DBP claimed to be confidential.

Pursuant to section 329(1), the Authority is authorised to disclose the information the subject of the *Further Disclosure Notice* five business days after the *Further Disclosure Notice* was provided to DBP.

### Proposed revised access arrangement

The proposed revised access arrangement currently under review was submitted to the Authority on 1 April 2010 by DBP for approval under the NGL(WA). The Authority invited submissions from interested parties on the proposed revisions over the period 15 April 2010 to 9 July 2010. Public submissions are available from the Authority's <u>website</u>.

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It is anticipated that the Authority's draft decision on DBP's proposed revised access arrangement will be published in March 2011.

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