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Economic Regulation Authority of Western Australia
PO Box 8469
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Invitation for Submissions
Proposed Changes to the Application and Queuing Policy**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Western Power's proposed revision to the application and queuing arrangements for access to the South West Interconnected Network.

In recent years ERM Power has been involved in the connection of two power stations, namely the 320MW gas-fired combined cycle power station at Kwinana and the 330MW gas-fire open cycle peaking power station at Neerabup, north of Perth. ERM expects to establish additional gas-fired generation in the future and agrees that the current first-come, first-served principle adopted to process current connection applications frustrates the efficient and timely connection of new generation, especially when by-pass procedures need to be employed.

ERM Power supports the proposed revision to the Applications and Queuing Policy on the basis that the revised policy will permit applicants, that are prepared to fund network augmentation necessary for their connection, are able to be promoted to the head of the queue and have their application dealt with in a timely manner.

Yours faithfully,



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