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Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems revised Access Arrangement

REVISED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

The Economic Regulation Authority has released a revised access arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems access arrangement (GDS access arrangement). This revised access arrangement becomes effective on 12 May 2011.

WA Gas Networks Pty Ltd (WAGN) as owner of the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS) submitted proposed revisions to the GDS access arrangement, access arrangement information and supporting information to the Authority on 29 January 2010.

The Authority issued its draft decision not to approve the proposed revisions to the GDS access arrangement on 17 August 2010. The draft decision contained 74 required amendments. WAGN did not submit a revised access arrangement that complied with or otherwise addressed the required amendments of the Authority's draft decision.

Consequently, the Authority has drafted and approved its own <u>revised access arrangement</u> consistent with the requirements of rule 64 of the National Gas Rules. The Authority also requires WAGN to amend its access arrangement information to be consistent with the approved access arrangement and to submit the amended access arrangement information to the Authority by 12 May 2011 for publication on its website.

The GDS consists of reticulated gas networks in Western Australia which serve Geraldton, Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Pinjarra, Brunswick Junction, Capel and the Perth Greater Metropolitan Area including Mandurah. These combined networks constitute approximately 12,000 km of gas mains and associated infrastructure and service approximately 600,000 residential and business customers.

The access arrangement sets out the terms and conditions, including tariffs, under which WAGN is required to provide services to users seeking access to the GDS.

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