



PUBLICATION

New Facilities Investment Test Application for Transmission Works to Connect Collgar Windfarm

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has released its [final determination](#) on Western Power's application for a new facilities investment test for works to connect Collgar Windfarm to the South West Interconnected Network. The application was submitted under section 6.71 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

The Authority's final determination is to approve Western Power's application incorporating the amended expenditure estimates from Western Power's submission in response to the draft decision, for the reason that Western Power's forecast new facilities investment of \$12.2 million satisfies the efficiency test and incremental revenue test.

Background

Under the Access Code, a service provider may, at any time, request the Authority to conduct a new facilities investment test assessment on actual or forecast new facilities investment. In such circumstances, the Authority must make and publish a determination within a reasonable time after having consulted with the public.

On 25 October 2010, the Authority received a new facilities investment test [application](#) from Western Power, for the connection of the Collgar Windfarm to the South West Interconnected Network. The Authority published an [issues paper](#) and invited comments from interested parties in December 2010. No public submissions were received. A [draft determination](#) to not approve Western Power's application was issued by the Authority on 1 March 2011 and interested parties were invited to comment. A [submission](#) was received from Western Power on 30 March 2011.

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