



PUBLICATION

New Facilities Investment Test Application for Overhead Customer Service Connections submitted by Western Power

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has released its [final determination](#) on Western Power's new facilities investment test application for overhead customer service connections. This proposal was submitted under section 6.71 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

The Authority's final decision is to approve Western Power's application for the reason that Western Power's total forecast new facilities investment of \$71.1 million satisfies the efficiency test and safety and reliability 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 5 November 2010, the Authority received a new facilities investment test [application](#) from Western Power for the replacement of potentially unsafe overhead customer service connections. In response, the Authority published an [issues paper](#) and invited comments from interested parties. The public consultation was held between 8 March 2011 and 22 March 2011. No public submissions were received.

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