



# CONSULTATION

## Alinta Sales Pty Ltd

### AMENDMENT OF GAS TRADING LICENCE

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on an application by Alinta Sales Pty Ltd (**Alinta**) to amend its gas trading licence GTL9.

Alinta is seeking two amendments to its gas trading licence. Under the *Compendium of Gas Customer Licence Obligations* (Gas Customer Code), Alinta is currently obliged to issue bills to customers at least every three months. However, the meter readings that Alinta relies upon to bill customers is provided by ATCO Gas Australia (**ATCO**), who, under the approved access arrangement for the Mid-West and South West gas distribution system<sup>1</sup>, is only required to provide meter readings to Alinta once every 100 days.

Alinta now seeks to have its billing cycle extended to 110 days, in order to align the frequency of bills with the provision of meter readings by ATCO, with a 10 day margin to accommodate unforeseen delays in receiving meter readings.

Currently, the Alinta gas trading licence includes a condition (clause 2.1) requiring the licensee to comply with the terms of its licence, including those terms contained in the Schedules. The Gas Customer Code is contained in Schedule 2 of the licence.

Alinta has also informed the Authority that Alinta Sales Pty Ltd is now trading as Alinta Energy. Accordingly, Alinta seeks to have its licence amended to reflect the new trading name.

A copy of the amendment application can be obtained from the Authority's [website](#).

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the proposed amendment by **4:00 pm (WST) on Thursday, 16 August 2012**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Assistant Director Licensing.

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the Economic Regulation Authority's [website](#) (*Revised decision on proposed access arrangement revision for the Mid-West and South West Gas Distribution System, Appendix 1 - Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution System, Annexure E – Template Haulage Contract, Schedule 4, clause 4(b)*).

of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of section 55 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*.

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