



Notice

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Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Goldfields Gas Pipeline

CALCULATION OF TIME FOR PUBLICATION OF A FINAL DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority is required to publish a final decision on the revisions proposed by Goldfields Gas Transmission Pty Ltd (**GGT**) to the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (**GGP**) access arrangement within a six month period unless it extends the time allowed or disregards time as permitted by the National Gas Rules (**NGR**).

For the purpose of calculating the time by which a final decision on GGT's proposed revised access arrangement is to be published, the ERA has decided to disregard the following periods:

- The period provided to GGT from 26 August 2014 to 28 August 2014 to re-submit its proposed revised access arrangement to correct deficiencies found in its initial proposal.
- The public submission period on GGT's proposed revised access arrangement from 5 September 2014 to 17 November 2014.
- The forthcoming second public submission period following the publication of the ERA's draft decision on the Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the GGP, and if required, a period for GGT to revise its access arrangement proposal.

Taking into consideration the first two periods of disregarded time, the ERA would have to publish a final decision by 30 April 2015. However, this date does not allow for the disregarding of time related to the second public consultation period or any further extension of time permitted by the NGR. The ERA will therefore advise of an updated publication date for the final decision upon publication of its draft decision.

Background

GGT lodged proposed revisions to its access arrangement on 15 August 2014. As a result without any extension of time or disregarding of time, the NGR would require a final decision to be published by 15 February 2015.

Rule 11 of the NGR lists the periods of time that may be disregarded, which include:

- any period allowed for the proponent to correct or revise the proposal (rule 11(1)(a)); and
- any period allowed for public submissions on the proposal or the ERA's draft decision (rule 11(1)(c)).

Pursuant to rule 13 of the NGR, there is an overall time limit of 13 months between the date on which a service provider submits an access arrangement proposal and the date for the publication of a final decision. This overall time limit is unaffected by decisions regarding periods of time to be disregarded and can't be extended. On this basis, the ERA's final decision must therefore be published by 15 September 2015.



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