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NOTICE

An Extension of Time to Call for Submissions:

Review of Gas Trading and Distribution Licences

The Economic Regulation Authority, as the regulator responsible for administering the utility licensing schemes, is seeking public comments on a recommendation report for the review of gas trading and distribution licences. A copy of the report can be found on the Authority's web site by clicking here.

The Authority in its recommendation report proposes to review the terms and conditions of gas trading and distribution licences. The Authority's objectives in conducting this review are to:

- reflect the current regulatory environment and promote consistent regulation across the energy sector;
- enhance consumer protection and improve compliance;
- reduce the regulatory burden on business (particularly by removing spent, redundant or inappropriate licence provisions);
- reduce compliance costs; and
- utilise best practice principles of utility licensing.

The submission period has been extended and interested parties are invited to comment on the recommendations of this report by 4.00 pm WST on, Thursday 23 November 2006.

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and be addressed to:

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made.

The receipt and publication of any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence for the Authority will arise in these circumstances.

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