

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

DAMPIER TO BUNBURY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE – ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION

This is to advise that the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) has determined that the Access Arrangement Information (AAI) submitted as part of the revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Dampier Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) does not comply with the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (Code). This determination was made pursuant to section 2.30 of the Code. The Authority was obliged to consider this matter as a result of a written request by Western Power Corporation.

The Authority has exercised its discretion under section 2.30 of the Code to require the AAI to be amended to comply with the Code. Accordingly, the Authority has advised Dampier Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (WA) Transmission Pty Ltd (DBNGPT) that the AAI submitted on 21 January 2005 must be amended to comply with the Code and that a revised AAI is required to be submitted to the Authority by 5:00 pm on 22 March 2005. The revised AAI will be placed on the Authority's website (www.era.wa.gov.au) when it is received.

The AAI is required to be submitted by pipeline owners as part of the revisions to an Access Arrangement. To comply with the Code, the AAI must contain a minimum amount of information to enable Users and Prospective Users of the pipeline to understand the elements of the Access Arrangement and to determine whether the Access Arrangement complies with the Code.

The submission period for the revisions to the DBNGP Access Arrangement close at 4:00 pm today. Given the very tight timetable for completion of the Draft Decision, the submission period will not be extended. However, in order to provide interested parties with the opportunity to comment on the revised AAI, the Authority will exercise its discretion, under section 2.34 of the Code, to consider any late submissions received prior to finalisation of the Draft Decision for the revisions to the DBNGP Access Arrangement.

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