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NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT AN ACCESS ARRANGEMENT: GRIFFIN PIPELINE (LICENCE NUMBER WA: PL19)

This is to advise that Boral Energy Resources Ltd on behalf of SAGASCO South East Inc (SAGASCO) as operator of the Tubridgi L9 Production Joint Venture (TJV) has requested a further extension of time to submit an Access Arrangement for the Griffin Pipeline (WA: PL19). The Tubridgi Pipeline System comprises two pipelines: the Griffin Pipeline (WA: PL19) and the Tubridgi Pipeline (WA: PL16).

The National Competition Council (NCC), after considering an application by SAGASCO for revocation of coverage by the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (the Code) of the Tubridgi Pipeline, has issued a Final Recommendation to the Western Australian Minister for Energy, Resources Development and Education (the Minister) that coverage not be revoked.

In response to an earlier application by SAGASCO, I granted an extension of time for the lodgement of the Griffin Pipeline Access Arrangement to 8 August 1999. This extension of time was granted after considering comments from interested third parties.

SAGASCO has advised that if the Tubridgi Pipeline (WA: PL16) is not revoked, then the TJV would wish to lodge an Access Arrangement for the combined Tubridgi Pipeline System, rather than separate Access Arrangements for the Tubridgi Pipeline and the Griffin Pipeline.

The Minister has 21 days from the date of the NCC's final recommendation to make his decision. The TJV has advised that if the Minister decides that coverage of the Tubridgi Pipeline is revoked, it proposes to lodge an Access Arrangement for the Griffin Pipeline within 14 days of the Minister's decision, (i.e. by 3 September 1999).

In the event that the Minister decides that coverage of the Tubridgi Pipeline is not revoked, the TJV proposes to submit a further application for an extension of time until 21 October 1999. This date coincides with the extension of time that I have already granted for lodgement of the Tubridgi Pipeline Access Arrangement. The TJV consider that this provides sufficient time for it to lodge a joint Access Arrangement for both pipelines.

Being satisfied that:

- the Final Recommendation by the National Competition Council (NCC) not to revoke coverage of the Tubridgi pipeline (WA: PL16) is relevant to considering a further extension of time to lodge an Access Arrangement for the Griffin Pipeline; and
- that a further extension of time avoids lodgment of an Access Arrangement for the Griffin Pipeline which may subsequently be withdrawn and replaced by one for the whole pipeline system,



a further extension of time has been granted to SAGASCO to a date no later than 3 September 1999 to lodge an Access Arrangement for the Griffin Pipeline (WA: PL 19). The granting of this extension of time is in accordance with section 7.19 of the Code.

KEN MICHAEL
GAS ACCESS REGULATOR

8 August 1999