

NOTICE

EXTENSION OF TIME

The *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (Code) makes provision for the assessment period of a proposed Access Arrangement for a pipeline to be increased by periods of up to two months on one or more occasions.

AlintaGas Networks Pty Ltd submitted its proposed revised Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems on 31 March 2004 for approval by the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority). Section 2.43 of the Code requires the Authority to complete a Final Decision within 6 months of the receipt of the proposed revised Access Arrangement. The current approved Access Arrangement set the Revisions Submission Date as 31 March 2004 and the intended Revisions Commencement Date as 1 January 2005. As the assessment of the proposed revisions has exceeded the six-month period allowed by the Code, it is necessary to formally extend the assessment period every two months until the assessment process is completed.

Accordingly, this is to advise that the Authority has extended the assessment period for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems by two months to 31 January 2005. This extension is granted pursuant to section 2.44 of the Code.

Please note that further extension to the above time period is anticipated and may be granted under the Code if necessary.

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