

NOTICE

Approval of Synergy Gas Standard Form Contract

The Economic Regulation Authority today approved the Synergy Gas Standard Form Contract in advance of its application for a Gas Trading Licence.

On 23 March 2007, the Minister for Energy announced that the Ministerial direction prohibiting Synergy from selling gas to customers consuming under 1TJ per annum would be varied, allowing Synergy to supply gas to customers who consume between 180GJ and 1TJ each year, effective 1 July 2007.

The *Energy Coordination Act 1994* (Act) provides that a person must not sell to small use customers gas transported through a distribution system except under the authority of a trading licence granted by the Authority.

Under the Act, the Authority can only grant a trading licence if it has approved the Standard Form Contract under which the applicant will supply gas. Therefore, Synergy sought approval of its proposed Standard Form Contract before submission of its licence application.

In July 2006, the Authority released its *Public Consultation Guidelines – For Electricity, Gas & Water Licences and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts*. In accordance with these guidelines, the Authority provided a 15 day public consultation period.

A copy of each of the [two submissions](#) received is available on the Authority's web site.

A copy of the [final decision](#) is available on the Authority's web site.

A copy of the approved [Standard Form Contract](#) is available on the Authority's web site.

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