

## NOTICE

### TIME EXTENSION FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS OF NON-COVERED NETWORKS TO SUBMIT TECHNICAL RULES

The Economic Regulation Authority today granted service providers of non-covered networks an extension of three months, to 25 January 2008, to the deadline to submit a notice indicating adoption of either Western Power's Technical Rules or their own.

The Authority approved Western Power's Technical Rules on 26 April 2007 as part of the corporation's Access Arrangement that was submitted under the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

The Access Code requires service providers of non-covered networks that are part of an interconnected system containing one or more covered networks to have technical rules. Technical rules govern the operation of a network and the requirements to be met by distribution and transmission systems, including the planning criteria to be applied to them.

The service provider of a non-covered network that is obliged by section 12.6(b) of the Code to have technical rules must, within six months of technical rules being approved for a covered network in the interconnected system, either give notice to the Authority that it wishes to adopt Western Power's Technical Rules or submit its own proposed technical rules to the Authority.

It is recommended that those service providers of non-covered networks in the South West interconnected system seek advice as to whether they are required to have technical rules. Consequently, the Authority has granted a general extension to the deadline for submitting technical rules to 25 January 2008.

Further information on this matter can be obtained by reference to the [Access Code](#) and to Western Power's [Final Technical Rules](#).

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