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Dear Robert

Re: Extension to the technical rules exemption for additional supply to the Geraldton Port Authority.

We have been granted an exemption by the Authority (determination is dated December 2012) from compliance with certain Technical Rules requirements in relation to the additional supply of electricity to the Geraldton Port Authority (GPA).

The current exemption expires when the southern section of Mid-West Energy Project (MWEP) is in service and this is currently expected to be in early 2015. At the time of the initial exemption request submission, we undertook to resubmit when the terminating date arrives. At that time, Western Power also had plans to complete to the northern section of MWEP. However, this development is no longer proceeding and work on the northern section of MWEP is now not currently planned within a ten year horizon.

GPA have amended their contract maximum demand (CMD) load requirements downwards to a new present total requirement of 3.15 MVA curtailable, compared to 11.65 MVA in the current exemption. Historical load and curtailment data are presented in Attachment A to this letter.

In light of the approaching completion of the southern section of MWEP and these CMD changes, we are submitting this letter seeking an extension to the existing exemption and a revision of the curtailable load rating. That is, an extension to the expiry date until such time as network reinforcements are in place that would eliminate the need for the exemption from clause 2.5.2.2 N-1 criterion and associated load curtailment requirements of sections 7 and 8 in the December 2012 determination. Expiration of this exemption is now likely to be when the northern section of MWEP is in service, or when a similar project is completed and goes into service.

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Details of wording amendments to the existing determination sought.

Remove the words ~~the Mid West Energy Project (MWEP) Southern Section is in service~~ from item 7, and replace these with the words such time as a network augmentation, such as the Mid-West Energy Project (MWEP) northern section is in service, and enables the provision of a standard reference service for the full GPA load.

7. The approved exemption granted until such time as network augmentation, such as the Mid-West Energy Project (MWEP) northern section is in service, and enables the provision of a standard reference service for the full GPA load is:

- exemption from clause 2.5.2.2, N-1 Criterion, of the Technical Rules, insofar as it applies to the Geraldton Port Authority's additional load of ~~11.65 MVA~~ 3.15 MVA such that...

The conditions listed in point 8. would remain unchanged other than replacement of the of ~~11.65 MVA~~ with the new limit of 3.15 MVA.

For further information or clarification of any details, please contact Lindsay Offer on telephone 9326 6303.

Yours sincerely,

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Economic Regulation Manager

Enc: Attachment A - GPA connection details
Attachment B – ETAF revised CMD

Note:

Amended on 14 August 2014 after consulting with Mr. Lincoln Flindell:

- 1) "MVA" units replacing previous units "MW" in the recommended wording changes we have requested.
- 2) Additional enclosure added, the GPA CMD revision ETAF of 06 June 2014.