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Dear Mr Watson

**Re: Notice of AER commencing a form of regulation review into the South West Queensland Pipeline**

I am writing to inform you that the Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**) is commencing a form of regulation review into the South West Queensland Pipeline (**SWQP**) under section 92 of the National Gas Law. This letter constitutes notice to APA (SWQP) Pty Ltd pursuant to rule 16(1) of the National Gas Rules that the AER is commencing this review on its own initiative.

This review will consider whether to make a scheme pipeline determination which would change the level of regulation applying to the SWQP. If we decide to make such a determination, the SWQP will become a scheme pipeline, subject to full price regulation. If we decide not to make the determination, the SWQP will remain a non-scheme pipeline.

The review of the SWQP is the first of a series of self-initiated form of regulation reviews the AER is planning to undertake over several years. We selected SWQP as the first pipeline to review due to its importance to the east coast gas system in transporting gas between northern and southern states.

The AER has not yet formed any views on whether the form of regulation of the SWQP should change.

We intend on publishing a communications notice at 8 am on 22 February 2024 to announce that we are commencing the review. We will release a Discussion Paper in the following weeks outlining the key issues for the review and seeking stakeholder views.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please contact Robyn Pickering, Executive Director (a/g), Future of Network Regulation on 07 3835 4659.

Yours sincerely



Clare Savage  
AER Chair

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