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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Expiring exemptions under Part 23 of the National Gas Rules

I am writing in relation to your applications of 7 October for exemptions under Part 23 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) for 13 pipelines. We note that these pipelines currently hold exemptions from Part 23, which are expiring in December 2022.

The AER has assessed the applications and has determined to grant the following exemptions under Part 23:

- Alice Springs Distribution Network Category 3
- Bundaberg Port Gas Pipeline Category 2 and Category 3
- Grantham Gas Pipeline Category 2 and Category 3
- Mildura Distribution Network Category 2 and Category 3
- Moama Distribution Network Category 3
- Monaro Distribution Network Category 3
- Murray Valley Distribution Network Category 3
- Palm Valley Pipeline Category 2 and Category 3
- Riverina Distribution Network Category 3
- Riverland Pipeline Category 3
- Wagga Wagga Distribution Network Category 3
- Wide Bay Distribution Network Category 3
- Wide Bay Pipeline Category 3

The above exemptions are valid for 5 years, and expire on 12 December 2027.

I also highlight that the Palm Valley Pipeline previously received a NGR Part 24 (capacity trading) exemption from the AER. The AER's notification stated that the Part 24 exemption would expire on the same date as the Part 23 exemption expiry unless the Part 23

exemption was extended by the AER. This letter also provides notice that the Part 24 exemption has been extended to coincide with the new Part 23 exemption expiry date.

The Wide Bay Pipeline is also subject of an application for a new Part 24 exemption, and we will write to you separately about the outcome of that process.

As set out in Rule 585(8) please notify the AER without delay if circumstances change such that a pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption granted.

Rule 585(7) requires the AER to establish, publish and maintain a register of exemptions. The register will be updated to reflect these exemption renewals. Please do not hesitate to contact [AERnonschemeexemptions@aer.gov.au](mailto:AERnonschemeexemptions@ aer.gov.au) if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Sent by email on: 30.11.2022