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Mr Stephen Livens
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Dear Mr Livens

Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System further extension of the lodgement date for revisions to the access arrangement


I refer to your letter of 20 February 2006 seeking an extension of time for the lodgement of proposed revisions to the access arrangement for the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System (MAPS) from 27 March 2006 until two months after the relevant minister's coverage decision for this pipeline.

On 22 March 2006, the ACCC decided, in accordance with section 7.19 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code), to grant the further extension request. It considers that a period of two months after the minister's coverage decision should provide Epic Energy South Australia Pty Ltd (EESA) with sufficient time, if necessary, to develop and submit its revisions and is broadly consistent with the previous ACCC decisions on this matter.

The following matters were important to this decision:

- EESA's undertaking that it will commence the work required to prepare the revisions if the relevant minister decides not to revoke coverage.
- The expectation that EESA would have sufficient time to develop and submit its revisions (in the event that the minister's decision is not to revoke coverage).
- The information provided by EESA concerning the time and expense that it would incur in preparing the revisions; the continued operation of the access arrangement during the period of extension; and the lack of prejudice to third parties.

Yours sincerely


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Access Branch