



Decision

Access arrangement

**APT Allgas's Queensland gas distribution
network**

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Shortened forms

Shortened form	Extended form
access arrangement information	<i>APT Allgas, Access arrangement information – 01 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 30 September 2010</i>
access arrangement information drafted by the AER	<i>AER, Access arrangement information, APT Allgas’s Qld gas distribution network, 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2015, June 2011</i>
access arrangement period	1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016
access arrangement proposal	<i>APT Allgas, Access arrangement – 01 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 30 September 2010</i>
access arrangement drafted by the AER	<i>AER, Access arrangement, APT Allgas’s Qld gas distribution network, 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2015, June 2011</i>
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
draft decision	<i>AER, Draft decision, APT Allgas Access arrangement proposal for the Qld gas network 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 17 February 2011</i>
final decision	<i>AER, Final decision, APT Allgas Access arrangement proposal for the Qld gas network, 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 17 June 2011</i>
NGL	National Gas Law
NGR	National Gas Rules
revised access arrangement information	<i>APT Allgas, Access arrangement information – 01 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 23 March 2011</i>
revised access arrangement proposal	<i>APT Allgas, Access arrangement – 01 July 2011 – 30 June 2016, 23 March 2011</i>

Background

The APT Allgas network comprises 2942 km of pipeline delivering 10.5 PJ of gas annually to approximately 82 000 customers. The network is separated into three operating regions: Brisbane (covering the area south of the Brisbane River), the Western region (including Toowoomba and Oakey) and the South Coast region (covering the Gold Coast, Tweed Heads and Banora Point in north east NSW). The assets used to service Brisbane constitute the majority (58 per cent) of the network.¹

APT Allgas's Queensland gas distribution network is classified as a covered pipeline.² The AER is responsible for the economic regulation of covered natural gas distribution pipelines in all states and territories (except WA). The AER's functions and powers are set out in the National Gas Law (NGL) and the National Gas Rules (NGR).

Access arrangement proposal

APT Allgas submitted its access arrangement proposal and access arrangement information on 30 September 2010. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) published the access arrangement proposal and access arrangement information on 21 October 2010 and held a public forum on 28 October 2010 in Brisbane.

The access arrangement proposal outlined the proposed terms and conditions of access for APT Allgas's Qld gas distribution network for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016. The purpose of the access arrangement information is to set out the background and basis of various elements of the access arrangement proposal.³

Draft decision on service provider's access arrangement proposal

The AER issued its draft decision not to approve APT Allgas's access arrangement proposal for its Qld gas distribution network for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016 on 17 February 2011 (draft decision). The AER held a public forum on the draft decision in Brisbane on 1 March 2011.

Revised access arrangement proposal

APT Allgas submitted a revised access arrangement proposal and revised access arrangement information for its Qld gas distribution network to the AER on 23 March 2011.

¹ APT Allgas, *Access arrangement submission*, September 2010, pp. 6–9.

² AEMC, *List of natural gas pipelines*, viewed 9 December 2010, <<http://www.aemc.gov.au/Gas/Scheme-Register/Pipeline-list-summary.html>>.

³ NGR, r. 42.

Final decision on service provider's access arrangement proposal

On 17 June 2011, the AER released its final decision not to approve APT Allgas's revised access arrangement proposal. The final decision set out the AER's proposed revisions to the revised access arrangement proposal and revised access arrangement information.

The final decision stated that, in accordance with r. 64(4) of the NGR, the AER would make a decision giving effect to its proposed revisions within two months of making its final decision.

Errors and omissions

The AER has identified a number of errors and omissions in its final decision which require correction. These corrections have been incorporated in the access arrangement and access arrangement information published with this decision. The revisions made are set out in the appendix.

Further final decision

In accordance with r. 64(4) of the NGR, the AER approves the access arrangement (including the access arrangement information) drafted by it for APT Allgas's gas distribution network being the access arrangement published with this decision.

In accordance with r. 64(6) of the NGR, the access arrangement shall take effect on 1 July 2011.

Appendix—Revisions

The AER makes the following revisions to its final decision, as reflected in its approved access arrangement information:

- delete '6.1' for the ancillary services revenue for 2012-13 in table 8.2 and replace it with '0.6'
- switch the row headings for 'less forecast capital contributions' and 'less ancillary services revenue' in table 8.2
- delete '62.1' for the total haulage services revenue for 2012-13 in table 8.2 and replace it with '67.6'
- delete '71.0' for the total haulage services revenue for 2013-14 in table 8.2 and replace it with '71.1'.