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Australian Energy Regulator
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Dear Kris

Amadeus Gas Pipeline Access Arrangement: Reference Tariff Variation 1 July 2023

APT Pipelines (NT) Pty Limited (**APTNT**) proposes to vary the reference tariffs for the Amadeus Gas Pipeline (**AGP**). This letter notifies the Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**) of the varied reference tariffs which are to have effect from **1 July 2023**.

This reference tariffs variation is proposed in accordance with clause 4.7.2 of the *Access Arrangement for the Amadeus Gas Pipeline* as approved in the *AER's Final Decision* in April 2021 (**Access Arrangement**).

Pursuant to clause 4.7.1 of the *Access Arrangement*, the reference tariff for each of the *AGP Firm Service* and *AGP Interruptible Service* is to be varied using the following formula:

$$\text{Reference Tariff}_t = \text{Reference Tariff}_b \times \frac{\text{CPI}_t}{\text{CPI}_b} \times \prod_{j=1}^t (1 - X_j) \times (1 + \text{PT}_t)$$

where:

- Reference Tariff_t is the Reference Tariff for the respective Reference Service¹ for year t;
- t is the year in which the adjusted Reference Tariff is to be applied (from 1 July);
- Reference Tariff_b is the Reference Tariff for the Firm Service for the year 2021–22;
- CPI is the Consumer Price Index, All Groups, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- CPI_t is the CPI for the December quarter in financial year t – 1;
- CPI_b is the CPI for the December quarter in financial year 2020–21;
- X is the X factor for each financial year of the 2021–26 access arrangement period as determined in the PTRM as approved in the AER's Final Decision, and annually revised for the return on debt update calculated for the relevant financial year during the access arrangement period in accordance with the method approved in the AER's Final Decision; and

¹ Firm or Interruptible

APA Group comprises two registered investment schemes: Australian Pipeline Trust (ARSN 091 678 778) and APT Investment Trust (ARSN 115 585 441) the securities in which are stapled together. Australian Pipeline Limited (ACN 091 344 704) is the responsible entity of those trusts. The registered office is HSBC building Level 19 580 George Street Sydney NSW 2000.

PT_t is the cost pass through factor for financial year t calculated in the way set out in the Access Arrangement.

For the financial year 2023-24:

$t = 2$;

Reference Tariff_b = \$0.3400/GJ;

$CPI_t = 130.8$;

$CPI_b = 117.2$;

$\prod_{j=1}^t (1 - X_j) = (1 - X_{2022-23}) (1 - X_{2023-24})$;

The factors were drawn from the AER PTRM dated April 2021 (Version 2). They factors are as per the following table, and were also advised in AER letters dated as shown in the table.

X factor	X factor value	Date of letter of advice from AER
$X_{2022-23}$	2.49%	4 April 2022
$X_{2023-24}$	2.16%	3 April 2023

Applying the reference tariff variation formula of the Access Arrangement, and the X factors shown above, the AGP reference tariff from **1 July 2023** will be **\$0.3620/GJ** for both the Firm Service and Interruptible Service.

Please contact Ignatius Chin, Regulatory Manager, on [REDACTED] if you have any questions on this reference tariff variation notice.

Yours sincerely

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