

CENTRAL RANGES PIPELINE PTY LTD

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Dear Alex and Ruth

**CENTRAL RANGES NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
ACCESS ARRANGEMENT**

We are writing to you to request a further extension for the lodgement date of the Central Ranges Gas Pipeline's access arrangements.

Central Ranges Pipeline Pty Ltd ("CRP") has been incorporated to construct, own and operate both the natural gas transmission pipeline between Dubbo and Tamworth and its distribution networks in accordance with the Europacific Tender. As at the 6 May 2005, CRP became the registered owner of Pipeline Licence No. 27

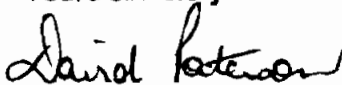
The main reason for CRP requesting a further extension is to provide sufficient time to allow both ACCC and IPART to make comment and to incorporate any additional information required to be included in the company's access arrangement before the company proceeds to final lodgement. This collaborative approach should ensure a more informative and efficient transition through the public review stage of the approval process.

CRP intends to start laying the pipe for the pipelines in September 2005 and commissioning the transmission pipeline and the backbone to the Tamworth distribution network in April 2006. Given the above timetable, CRP believes that an appropriate date for the lodging of the access arrangements for both the transmission and distribution pipelines should be 5 November 2005.

We would therefore ask your organisations to consider an extension of the lodgement date from 5 August 2005 to 5 November 2005.

We look forward to receiving your formal response.

Yours sincerely



David Paterson
Director