

5 November 2004

Mr Michael Buckley  
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
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Dear Michael

**RE: APPLICATIONS RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO MSO RULES**

The VENCORP Board has approved amendments to the Market and System Operations Rules (MSO Rules). The approved amendments, which are more fully described in the attachments, provide for:

- ❑ clarifications, and sundry corrections of minor drafting errors;
- ❑ re-structuring of provisions relating to compensation for directions to inject gas and/or the application of an administered price cap under market suspension, force majeure, and IT failure preventing normal determination of market price;
- ❑ amendments to the process for raising disputes on settlement outcomes and making revisions to settlement statements to better manage billing periods both before and after implementation of full retail contestability ('FRC') on 26 October 2002

Accordingly, enclosed for consideration by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission are:

- ❑ an application made under section 91A of the Trade Practices Act 1974 for a minor variation to the Authorisation granted by the Commission in respect of the MSO Rules; and
- ❑ an application made under section 2.28 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems for a revision of VENCORP's Access Arrangement.

Should you have any questions in relation to these applications, please call me on (03) 8664 6614.

Yours sincerely

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