



**Multinet
Gas Networks**

Attachment 15.2

Summary of Changes to Access Arrangement

Final Plan 2023/24 – 2027/28

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1. Introduction

This attachment summarises the changes to MGN's Access Arrangement (AA) Document to apply to the Victorian gas distribution networks over the next (2023/2024 to 2027/2028) AA Period.

As discussed in chapter 15, this AA review has presented an opportunity to align the AGN and MGN Access Arrangement and proposed terms. Our consultation was conducted using the AGN Victoria and Albury Access Arrangement and terms and conditions as a base. We propose to align MGN's Access Arrangement with AGN's in the next AA period, with some amendments that are specific to MGN.

This Attachment 15.2 identifies the changes proposed by reference to the AGN Access Arrangement that applies in the current AA period (used as a base for the proposed MGN Access Arrangement) as well the amendments specific to MGN.

The AA Document sets out the proposed prices, terms and conditions under which we offer access to our networks. The format of the proposed AA Document remains largely unchanged from the current AGN (2018 to 2022/23) AA Document.

The proposed changes by reference to the AGN current AA fall into the following categories:

- feedback from our Retail Reference Group (RRG);
- alignment of our approach with other network businesses' approved AA;
- changes which are specific to MGN's network and its business; and
- changes to more closely align the drafting of particular provisions with the National Gas Rules (NGR) particularly where the rules have been amended since the commencement of the 2018 to 2023 AA Document.

The key changes by reference to the AGN AA Document for the current period are outlined in Table 1 below. This table does not include amendments to change references from AGN to MGN, mechanical drafting or other formatting changes (e.g. paragraph renumbering, new or amended subheadings).

Table 2 maps the proposed MGN AA Document for the 2023/2024 to 2027/2028 AA period to MGN's Access Arrangement in the current AA period (2018-2023).

2. AA Document Amendments

The key changes to the AA Document by reference to the AGN AA for the current period, as well as changes specific to MGN, are outlined in Table 1 below. This table does not include amendments to change references from AGN to MGN, mechanical drafting or other formatting changes (e.g. paragraph renumbering, new or amended subheadings).

Table 1: Explanation of proposed revisions to the current AA

Section	Overview	Summary of Proposed Changes
1. Introduction	Purpose, commencement date, and contacts details for the AA.	Key changes proposed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Commencement Date (1 July 2023). • Updated Contact Details.
2. Services	A description of the services MGN will provide over the next AA period.	Key changes proposed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of a table describing the Pipeline Services that MGN can reasonably provide on the respective Gas Distribution Systems. • The addition of a summary of the Reference and Ancillary Services that MGN provides on the respective Gas Distribution Networks.
3. Reference Tariffs	An overview of our reference tariffs over the next AA period.	Key changes proposed include: <p>Updates to the Initial Reference Tariff date (1 July 2023) and Ancillary Reference Tariff dates (2023/2024).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the CPI increase date (1 July 2024).
4. Reference Tariff Policy - General	A description of how the reference tariffs are determined, how Network Users are assigned tariffs and the basis for their annual adjustment through the Reference Tariff Control Formulae and the Cost Pass Through Event Adjustment over the next AA period.	Key changes proposed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated dates as required and references to the Seventh Access Arrangement Period. • Removal of the reference to Fixed Principles applying to the Fifth Access Period to give effect to multi-period elements of incentive mechanisms.
5. Reference Tariff Policy – Incentive Mechanisms	A description of how the incentive arrangements will apply over the next AA period.	Key changes proposed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated dates as required.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to reflect proposed incentive mechanisms for 23/24 to 27/28 review period.
6. Terms and Conditions	An overview of our proposed terms and condition and the conditions that a Prospective Network User must satisfy prior to entering into an agreement.	<p>Key changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion of the requirement for an email address (replacing a facsimile number) for the service of notices. Replacement of a reference to the NECF to a reference to credit support regulated by the National Gas Rules. The inclusion of a rating by Moody's Investors Services as an acceptable credit rating.
7. Capacity Trading	A description of the capacity trading and queuing requirements for our network over the next AA period. This section also details the processes for changes to Delivery Points.	No changes.
8. Network Extension and Expansions	A description of the regulatory treatment of network extensions and expansion over the next AA period.	Minor wording changes to clarify conforming and non-conforming capital expenditure references.
9. Speculative Capital Expenditure	A description of how non-conforming capital expenditure will be treated by MGN in the next AA period.	No changes.
10. Review of the Access Arrangement	The date the next revised AA will be provided to the AER and the commencement date of the next AA Document.	<p>Clause 10 has been updated to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisions Submission Date (on or before 1 July 2027). Revisions Commencement Date (1 July 2028).
11. Glossary	Defines terms used throughout the AA Proposal	Key changes include the removal of Allowable NIS Expenditure definition, amendment of Annual MHQ to apply to the Financial rather than Calendar year, the insertion of a definition for Financial Year and Seventh Access Arrangement Period, as well as the amendment of the definition of Gas to provide for any changes made to the National Gas Law to incorporate renewable gases and the removal of the redundant definition for Water in Mains.
Annexure A	MGN's Victorian Gas Distribution Region	No Changes
Annexure B	Tariff Schedule – 2023/24	<p>Key changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the Tariff Schedule from 2018 to Tariff Schedule 2023/24.

Annexure C	Calculation of Charges for Delivery Points	<p>Key changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to cease to charge the fixed component of the fees and fees for the quantity of gas consumed for volume delivery points during any period of disconnection. • Updates to dates as required. • Amendments to change references to a Calendar Year to a Financial Year as required.
Annexure D	Reference Tariff Control Formulae	Updated to reflect 23/24 to 27/28 review period.
Annexure E	Specific Terms and Conditions	Removal of Facsimile number for Notice Details.
Annexure F	General Terms and Conditions	Refer to Attachment 15.1, Table 2.
Annexure G	Asset Performance Index	Updated to reflect proposed incentive mechanisms for 23/24 to 27/28 review period.
MGN Specific Changes		
1. Introduction	Purpose, commencement date, and contacts details for the AA.	Updated to reflect the entity name and networks for MGN.
2. Services	A description of the services MGN will provide over the next AA period.	<p>Key changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to reflect the appropriate service descriptions and reference services for MGN. • Updates to reflect the appropriate haulage reference services for MGN, including Tariff L provisions which are relevant only to MGN.
4. Reference Tariff Policy - General	A description of how the reference tariffs are determined, how Network Users are assigned tariffs and the basis for their annual adjustment through the Reference Tariff Control Formulae and the Cost Pass Through Event Adjustment over the next AA period.	<p>Key changes proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying over of the 60 day period for MGN to notify the Regulator in respect of any Reference Tariff variations from the current MGN AA (refer to clause 4.6.1). • Carrying over of the Adoption of Fixed Principles clause from the current MGN AA (refer to clause 4.7.2).
11. Glossary	Defines terms used throughout the AA Proposal	Key changes include removal of the reference to the holder of a supplier's authorisation under the Gas Supply Act 1996 (NSW) in the definition of "Gas Retailer", removal of the definition of "Meter Installation", the addition of a

definition of "Multinet", removal of clarifications relevant to the AGN Victorian and Albury networks in the definition of "Network", removal of the definition of "Service Provider" and the inclusion of a definition of "Unmetered Site".

Annexure C	Calculation of Charges for Delivery Points	Updated to clarify the treatment of unmetered sites.
Annexure E	Specific Terms and Conditions	Amended to replace the AGN legal entity with MG's legal entity and to remove references to the ownership of AGN's Victorian and Albury networks.



3. Proposed AA to Current AA Mapping

Table 2: Multinet Access Arrangement 2023/24 to 2027/28 mapped to Multinet Access Arrangement 2018 to 2023

Access Arrangement Structure	Proposed Multinet Access Arrangement 2023/24 to 2027/28	Multinet Access Arrangement 2018 to 2023
Introduction	1	Part A 1
Purpose of this Document	1.1	Part A 1.1
Revisions Commencement date	1.2	Part A 1.3
Definitions and Interpretation	1.3	Part A 2 Part A Schedule 2.2
Contact Details	1.4	Part A 3
Services	2	Part A 5.1
General	2.1	Part A 5.1.1
Haulage Services	2.2	Part A 5.1.1
Volume Haulage	2.2.1	Part A 5.1.1
Demand Haulage	2.2.2	Part A 5.1.1
Classification of DPs	2.2.3	Part A 5.2.1 Part B 1.2 and 1.3
Associated Services	2.2.4	No equivalent
UAFG	2.2.5	No equivalent
Ancillary Services	2.3	Part A 5.1.1
Negotiated Services	2.4	Part A 5.1.3
Network Service Standards	2.5	No equivalent

Reference Tariffs	3	
Haulage Reference Tariffs	3.1	Part A 5.2.1 Part B 1.1
Ancillary Reference Tariffs	3.2	Part A 5.2.1 Part B 2
Reference Tariff Policy – General	4	
Determination of Reference Tariffs	4.1	Part B 6.1
Assignment of Haulage Reference Tariffs	4.2	Part B 1.2
Reference Tariff Variation Mechanism	4.3	Part A 5.2.2 Part B 2 and 3
Reference Tariff Control Formulae	4.4	Part B 3
Haulage Reference Tariffs	4.4.1	Part B 3
Ancillary Reference Services	4.4.2	Part B 2
Cost Pass Through Event Adjustment	4.5	Part A 5.2.7 Part B 8
Procedure for Variation in Reference Tariffs	4.6	Part B 4
Routine Variations	4.6.1	Part B 4
Cost Pass Through Event Variations	4.6.2	Part B 8
Fixed Principles	4.7	Part A 5.2.6 Part B 7
Notice to Users	4.8	No equivalent
New Tariff Schedule	4.9	No equivalent
AER’s Decision is Conclusive	4.10	No equivalent
Default Tariffs for the Seventh AA Period	4.11	Part B 4.4
Treatment of Capital Expenditure in January 2022 to June 2023	4.12	No equivalent

Depreciation for establishing the Capital Base as at 1 January 2028	4.13	Part B 9
Reference Tariffs Policy – Incentive Mechanisms	5	
Incentive Mechanism	5.1	Part B 6.4
Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme	5.2	Part B 6.4
Terms and Conditions	6	Part A 5.3
Reference Services	6.1	Part A 5.3
Negotiated Services	6.2	No equivalent
Pre-Conditions to Network Services	6.3	No equivalent
Network User Policy	6.4	No equivalent
Capacity Trading	7	
Capacity Trading	7.1	Part A 5.4.1 and 5.4.5
Queuing	7.2	Part A 5.2
Changes to Receipt and Delivery Points	7.3	Part A 5.4.2, 5.4.3 and 5.4.4
Network Extensions and Expansions	8	
High Pressure Extensions	8.1	Part A 5.5.1
Other Extensions and Expansions	8.2	No equivalent
Effect on Reference Tariffs	8.3	Part A 5.5.2
Un-reticulated Townships	8.4	Part A 5.5.3
Speculative Capital Expenditure	9	Part B 6.3

Review of the AA	10	
Revisions Submission Date	10.1	Part A 5.6.1
Revisions Commencement Date	10.2	Part A 5.6.2
Glossary	11	Part A Schedule 2
Distribution Region Map	Annexure A	
Tariff Schedule	Annexure B	Part B Schedules 1, 2, 3
Calculation of Charges for Delivery Points	Annexure C	Part B 5
Reference Tariff Control Formula	Annexure D	Part B Appendix 1
Specific Terms and Conditions	Annexure E	No equivalent
General Terms and Conditions	Annexure F	Part C
Asset Performance Index	Annexure G	Part B Appendix 2



See separate document

Access Arrangement

1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028

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