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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These are the terms and conditions on which the Service Provider (“**Multinet**”) will provide Reference Services pursuant to the Access Arrangement applicable to the Network (“**the Access Arrangement**”).

## PART I: INTRODUCTION

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### 1. THE AGREEMENT

#### 1.1 Contents of Agreement

The Agreement between Multinet and the Network User comprises these terms and conditions and the Specific Terms and Conditions.

#### 1.2 Inconsistency

If these terms and conditions and the Specific Terms and Conditions are inconsistent in any respect, the Specific Terms and Conditions will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

#### 1.3 Interpretation

Unless expressly defined in these terms and conditions, definitions given to terms in the Access Arrangement apply to those terms in the Agreement.

## PART II: HAULAGE REFERENCE SERVICES

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### 2. HAULAGE REFERENCE SERVICES

#### 2.1 Haulage Reference Services

During the Term, in consideration of the Haulage Service Charges payable by the Network User under the Agreement, Multinet will:

- (a) receive Gas at each User Receipt Point; and
- (b) deliver Gas through each User DP that is located on a Sub-Network into which the Network User is entitled to deliver Gas (through a User Receipt Point),

in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the Agreement.

#### 2.2 Network User as FRO

Multinet will provide Haulage Services and other Distribution Services to the Network User in relation to a User Delivery Point whilst the Network User is registered as the Financially Responsible Organisation (FRO) for that User Delivery Point under the Retail Market Procedures. Multinet will have no obligation to provide the Distribution Services to the Network User pursuant to this Agreement at any other time or times.

#### 2.3 Obligation to Deliver

Subject to the terms of the Agreement, Multinet will deliver Gas through each User DP as and when Gas is taken through that DP (whether by the Network User, a Shared Customer or someone else).

#### 2.4 Delivery to FRO

As between Multinet and the Network User, all Gas taken or delivered through any DP will be taken to have been delivered to or for the account of the person who is registered as the FRO for the User Delivery Point at the time the Gas was taken or delivered through the User DP.

#### 2.5 Other DPs

Multinet is entitled to deliver Gas to other Delivery Points on the Network as and when Gas is taken through those Delivery Points (whether that Gas is taken by the Network User, a Shared Customer or someone else and whether the taking of that Gas is or is not specifically authorised by the Network User or any Shared Customer)

#### 2.6 Odourisation

During the Term, Multinet will ensure that all Gas in the Network is odourised in accordance with applicable laws or, if no laws are applicable, in accordance with industry practices generally adopted within Australia.

#### 2.7 Service Standards

Multinet will ensure that the Network is operated and managed during the Term in accordance with the Access Arrangement and in accordance with all applicable laws from time to time.

## **2.8 Compliance with Law**

The Network User will ensure that it holds, and uses its best endeavours to ensure that it continues to hold, whatever licences or other authorisations it requires to sell or consume Gas delivered through the Network and will comply with all applicable laws from time to time.

## **3. HAULAGE SERVICE CHARGES**

### **3.1 Payment of Charges**

The Network User will pay Multinet the Haulage Service Charges in accordance with the Agreement.

### **3.2 Calculation of Haulage Service Charges**

The Haulage Service Charges will be calculated from time to time for each DP in accordance with the Agreement and the Tariff Schedule applicable at the relevant time.

### **3.3 Fixed Component of Haulage Service Charges**

The Network User will remain responsible to pay Haulage Service Charges in respect of each User DP for so long as the Network User remains the FRO for that User DP (within the meaning of the Retail Market Procedures) (and, in particular, for so long as the Network User is the FRO for a User DP, the Network User will remain liable to pay any part of the Haulage Service Charges that is payable under the Tariff Schedule, irrespective of the Quantity of Gas delivered through that User DP).

### **3.4 Notice of GSL Payments**

If the Network User is a Gas Retailer, Multinet must notify the Network User where it makes a GSL Payment directly to a Shared Customer under the regulatory instruments. The notice may be given to the Network User with, or as part of, a statement of charges under the Agreement.

## **4. CAPACITY MANAGEMENT**

### **4.1 Maximum Daily Quantity**

Subject to sub-clause 4.3, the Maximum Daily Quantity for a DP is the maximum Quantity of Gas that Multinet is obliged to deliver through that DP to or for the account of the Network User during any Network Day.

### **4.2 Maximum Hourly Quantity**

Subject to sub-clause 4.3, the Maximum Hourly Quantity for a DP is the maximum Quantity of Gas which Multinet is obliged to deliver through that DP to or for the account of the Network User during any period of 60 minutes.

### **4.3 Network Limitations**

At no time will Multinet have any obligation to deliver more Gas through any User DP than is possible given the technical, physical and practical limitations of the Network, and the pressure and flow-rate of Gas within the Network, at that time.

### **4.4 Quantities Received**

If it is necessary to determine the Quantity of Gas delivered through any User Receipt Point by or for the account of the Network User, then Multinet will do so:

- (a) in accordance with the law;
- (b) (to the extent permitted by law) in accordance with any rules or agreement that bind Multinet and the Network User; and
- (c) (to the extent not otherwise determined by paragraphs (a) and (b)) on a reasonable basis.

#### **4.5 Overselling Capacity**

Multinet must not connect a new DP to the Network or expand the capacity of an existing DP if Multinet reasonably believes that, under normal conditions and as a consequence of connecting that new DP or expanding the capacity of that existing DP, there will be insufficient capacity in the Network to meet the anticipated demand for Gas at any User DP.

For the purposes of this sub-clause, '**normal conditions**' means the conditions which normally occur in the Network when taking into account daily, weekly and seasonal influences.

#### **4.6 NGL Requirements**

Nothing in sub-clause 4.5 will prevent Multinet from connecting a new Delivery Point to the Network, or expanding the capacity of an existing Delivery Point, where Multinet is obliged to so by the National Gas Law or by any other law from time to time.

#### **5. [NOT USED]**

#### **6. [NOT USED]**

#### **7. [NOT USED]**

#### **8. [NOT USED]**

#### **9. METERING INSTALLATION**

##### **9.1 Delivery Point Metering Installation**

Multinet will ensure each User DP has a Metering Installation to measure the Volume of Gas delivered to that DP. Where required by Multinet, the Network User must ensure that a suitable and safe source of electricity is available at the User DP to enable Multinet to install and operate the Metering Installation at that User DP.

##### **9.2 Standard of Metering Installation at Delivery Points**

Multinet will ensure that any Metering Installation it installs at any DP meets the requirements prescribed by law to the extent that those requirements are applicable to that Metering Installation at that DP. The type of Metering

Installation installed at a DP will generally be the same as that installed at DPs that have similar characteristics.

### **9.3 Maintenance and Removal**

Multinet will ensure that each Metering Installation is maintained in reasonable condition throughout the Term. Where:

- (a) the Metering Installation at a DP includes equipment for telemetry or interval metering; and
- (b) that equipment is no longer required by law to be used at that DP and the Network User requests that the equipment be removed,

then the Network User will bear the costs of removal of that equipment.

### **9.4 Receipt Point Metering Installation**

Where Multinet does not own or control a Metering Installation directly upstream of a User Receipt Point, the Network User must ensure that the User Receipt Point has a Metering Installation to continuously and instantaneously measure the Quantity of Gas delivered through that User Receipt Point.

### **9.5 Standard of Metering Installation at Receipt Points**

The Metering Installation provided by the Network User at a User Receipt Point must be of a type and standard agreed between Multinet and the Network User or, in default of agreement, of a type and standard reasonably acceptable to Multinet.

### **9.6 Readings of Receipt Point Metering Installation**

The Network User must ensure that Multinet has remote access at all times during the Term to the measurements and readings taken by the Metering Installation provided by the Network User at or in relation to any User Receipt Point.

### **9.7 Maintenance and Protection of Receipt Point Metering Installation**

The Network User must ensure that any Metering Installation provided by the Network User for any User Receipt Point is maintained in reasonable condition throughout the Term.

### **9.8 Party Responsible**

For the purposes of the Agreement, the party responsible for a Metering Installation is the Network User in the case of a Metering Installation provided by the Network User, and Multinet in the case of a Metering Installation provided by Multinet.

## **10. METER ACCURACY**

### **10.1 Scheduled Meter Testing**

The party responsible for a Metering Installation must ensure that the accuracy of that Metering Installation is tested at the times and in the manner required by law.

### **10.2 Unscheduled Meter Testing**

The party responsible for any Metering Installation will also test the accuracy of that Metering Installation whenever it is requested to do so by the other party in accordance with the Agreement.

### 10.3 Form of Request

Whenever the party that is not responsible for a Metering Installation wishes to request the other party to test that Metering Installation, the party making the request must give the other party whatever forms, documents and information the other party reasonably requires.

### 10.4 Notice of Tests

Whenever the party responsible for a Metering Installation is required to conduct a test under the Agreement, that party will notify the other party of the time or times at which that party intends to conduct that test. The other party may witness the test.

### 10.5 Notice of Results

Whenever the party responsible for a Metering Installation conducts a test in relation to that Metering Installation at the request of the other party pursuant to the Agreement, that party will give the other party notice of the results of that test as soon as practicable after that test has been conducted.

### 10.6 Inaccurate Meters

Subject to the Agreement, if any test of a Metering Installation pursuant to the Agreement shows that the measurements taken by that Metering Installation are outside a margin of accuracy that is permitted by law (or, if no margin is prescribed by law, outside a margin of accuracy of plus or minus 2 per cent of the Volume of Gas delivered through that Metering Installation (in the case of any Metering Installation at a User DP) or plus or minus 1% of the Volume of Gas delivered through that Metering Installation (in the case of any Metering Installation at a User Receipt Point) ) (**the allowable margin of accuracy**):

- (a) the party responsible for that Metering Installation must adjust or repair that Metering Installation as soon as is practicable so that the measurements it takes are within the allowable margin of accuracy or replace that Metering Installation (or the relevant parts of that Metering Installation) so that the Metering Installation takes measurements within the allowable margin of accuracy; and
- (b) in the case of a DP, Multinet must correct previous readings taken from that Metering Installation to reflect the actual Gas delivered (or a reasonable estimate of the Gas delivered) since the date of the last reading taken from that Metering Installation or, if later, the last date on which that Metering Installation was tested and the measurements found to be within the allowable margin of accuracy.

### 10.7 Basis for Corrections

If Multinet is required by the Agreement to correct previous readings taken from any Metering Installation, Multinet will make those corrections:

- (a) in the manner required by law;
- (b) (to the extent permitted by law) in the manner required by any relevant rules or agreements that bind Multinet and the Network User; and
- (c) (to the extent not otherwise required by paragraph (a) or (b)) on a reasonable basis.

The corrections will bind the Network User in the absence of manifest error.

#### **10.8 Maximum Correction**

The party responsible for a Metering Installation will not have to correct the readings taken from that Metering Installation more than one year prior to the date of the relevant test unless it is required to do so by law.

#### **10.9 Test Fees**

If the party that is not responsible for a Metering Installation (**the Requesting Party**) requests a test of that Metering Installation pursuant to the Agreement, the party that is responsible for that Metering Installation (**the Responsible Party**) will not have to conduct that test if the Requesting Party has not paid (or, where permitted by the Responsible Party, agreed to pay) the Responsible Party a test fee of an amount equal to the cost of the test or the maximum amount which the Responsible Party is permitted by law to charge for that test, whichever amount is lesser.

#### **10.10 Refund of Fees**

If the Requesting Party has paid the Responsible Party a test fee for testing any Metering Installation and the test shows that the measurements taken by that Metering Installation are outside the allowable margin of accuracy, the Responsible Party will refund that test fee to the Requesting Party (or, if the Responsible Party is Multinet, either refund that test fee to the Network User or credit the Network User with that test fee in the next statement of charges issued pursuant to the Agreement).

#### **10.11 Adjust Accounts**

Subject to sub-clause 22.1, if Multinet is required by the Agreement to correct readings taken from any Metering Installation at any User DP, it will recalculate the charges payable under this Agreement for the relevant DP and debit the Network User with any underpayment, or credit the Network User with any overpayment, in the next statement of charges issued pursuant to the Agreement.

### **11. SCHEDULED METER READING**

#### **11.1 Meter Reading Schedule**

Multinet will use reasonable endeavours to read meters in accordance with the meter reading schedule under the Retail Market Procedures or as otherwise agreed with the Network User or at such other times as required by law.

#### **11.2 No Measurements**

If the Volume of Gas delivered at any DP during any period is not measured by the meter at that DP for any reason whatsoever, then the Volume of Gas delivered at that DP during that period will be estimated by Multinet:

- (a) in the manner required by law;
- (b) (to the extent permitted by law) in the manner required by any relevant rules or agreements that bind Multinet and the Network User; and
- (c) (to the extent not otherwise required by paragraph (a) or (b)), on a basis that is reasonable in the circumstances.

### **12. GAS SPECIFICATIONS**



## 12.1 Specifications

Multinet requires that Gas delivered into the Network meets any specifications imposed by law and, to the extent consistent with the law, the specifications reasonably specified from time to time by Multinet by notice given to the Network User. Multinet may specify different specifications for distinct parts of the Network. The specification specified at the start of the Agreement is that contained in AS 4564-2020, Specification for General Purpose Natural Gas.

## 12.2 Temperature

For the purposes of sub-clause 12.1, Multinet notifies the Network User that (until otherwise required pursuant to sub-clause 12.1) Gas delivered into the Network must have a temperature of at least 2 degrees Celsius.

## 12.3 Network User Responsibility

- (a) The Network User is not required to ensure that Gas complies with clause 12.1 or clause 12.2 where that Gas is delivered through a User Receipt Point that forms part of the declared transmission system (as defined in the National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 (Vic)).
- (b) In the case of any other User Receipt Point, the Network User must ensure that Gas delivered by or for the account of the Network User meets the specifications required under clauses 12.1 and 12.2.

## 12.4 Failure to Comply

If Gas delivered or to be delivered into the Network (or any part of it) does not meet the specifications then applicable to the Network (or the relevant part of it), Multinet may curtail or interrupt deliveries through any Receipt Point or DP, flare or release Gas from the Network or take whatever other reasonable steps Multinet considers necessary or desirable to ensure that Gas within the Network meets the specifications and does not present a threat to any person or property.

## 12.5 Notice

- (a) The Network User must notify Multinet as soon as is practicable if there is a possibility that Gas, which does not meet the specifications set pursuant to sub-clauses 12.1 and 12.2, may be delivered into the Network by or for the account of the Network User or if it becomes aware that such Gas is being or has been delivered into the Network by or for the account of the Network User.
- (b) If Multinet becomes aware that Gas which does not meet the specifications set pursuant to sub-clauses 12.1 and 12.2 is being or may be delivered into the Network and the Network User has not given notice to Multinet under paragraph (a) and the delivery of that Gas may have an adverse impact on the Network User or any Shared Customer, then Multinet will notify the Network User as soon as is practicable.

## 12.6 Other Users

Subject to sub-clause 29.1, Multinet will have no liability to the Network User for any loss, cost, damage or expense the Network User might suffer or incur because someone (other than Multinet) delivers Gas into the Network that does not comply with the specifications required by the Agreement.

## 12.7 Unlawful Gas

For the purposes of the Agreement, Gas will not meet the specifications imposed by law if it would be unlawful to sell or supply that Gas, for any reason whatsoever.

### **12.8 Authorised Conveyance**

Nothing in this clause 12 prevents Multinet from conveying Gas through the Network that does not comply with the specifications required by this Agreement where Multinet is required or permitted to do so by law.

### **12.9 Redelivery specification**

Multinet will ensure that, as far as practicable, the Gas it delivers through any User Delivery Point meets the specifications or standards applicable to that Gas under any applicable legislation or subordinate legislation (including, but without limitation, the prescribed standards of quality, and complies with any other prescribed requirements, applicable to the Gas under the Gas Safety Act 1997 (Vic)).

## **13. RECEIPT PRESSURES**

### **13.1 Receipt Pressure**

Multinet requires Gas delivered at any User Receipt Point to be delivered at a pressure which is within the limits specified for that Receipt Point in Appendix 1, or as specified from time to time by Multinet by notice given to the Network User.

### **13.2 Common Pressures**

Multinet may not specify different pressures for Receipt Points pursuant to sub-clause 13.1 other than:

- (a) on grounds that relate to the technical, physical or practical limitations of that Receipt Point or any other Receipt Point or the Network (or any part of it); or
- (b) on grounds that relate to the safe and efficient operation of the Network (or any part of it); or
- (c) on grounds that relate to the operational integrity of the Network (including, but without limitation, the need for Multinet to maintain pressures at any DP in order to comply with its obligations under any law or contract or in order to maintain deliveries of Gas at any DP).

### **13.3 Network User Responsibility**

- (a) The Network User is not responsible to Multinet for gas pressures at a User Receipt Point that forms part of the declared transmission system (as defined under the National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 (Vic)).
- (b) In the case of any other User Receipt Point, the Network User must ensure that Gas delivered by or for the account of the Network User to that Receipt Point is delivered within the pressure limits required by clause 13.1.

#### **13.4 Pressure Management**

If the pressure of Gas delivered at any Receipt Point (whether a User Receipt Point or not) is not within the limits specified for that Receipt Point, Multinet may curtail or interrupt deliveries through any Receipt Point or any DP, or flare or release Gas in the Network or take whatever other steps Multinet considers necessary or desirable to increase or reduce the pressure of Gas at any Receipt Point or any DP or at any other point within the Network or to avoid any threat to any person or property.

#### **13.5 Other Users**

Subject to sub-clause 29.1, Multinet will have no liability to the Network User for any loss, cost, expense or damage the Network User might suffer or incur because Gas is delivered at any Receipt Point (by someone other than Multinet) at a pressure which is outside the limits required by the Agreement.

#### **13.6 Network User Obligations**

Nothing in sub-clause 13.4 will relieve the Network User of its obligations under sub-clause 13.1.

### **14. DELIVERY PRESSURES**

#### **14.1 Delivery Pressure**

Subject to the Agreement, Multinet will ensure that Gas delivered at each User DP during the Term is at a pressure that is within the range of pressures prescribed by law and, to the extent permitted by law, at a pressure (or within a range of pressures) agreed between Multinet and the Network User in relation to that DP.

#### **14.2 Exclusion of Liability**

Multinet will not breach its obligations under sub-clause 14.1 where its failure to comply with that sub-clause is due to:

- (a) the technical, practical and physical limitations of the Network;
- (b) the fact that insufficient Gas is delivered into the Network; or
- (c) the fact that Gas is delivered into the Network (whether by or for the account of the Network User or by or for the account of any other person) at pressures outside the limits required by the Agreement,

whether or not Multinet knew, or ought to have known, of those facts or matters at any time before, on or after the Start Date and the failure is not due to the negligent act or omission on the part of Multinet (or any officer, servant, agent, contractor or other person for whom Multinet is liable).

#### **14.3 No Implied Obligation**

Nothing in sub-clauses 14.1 or 14.2 imposes any obligation on Multinet to take any steps to modify the technical, practical or physical limitations of the Network or to cause or procure the delivery of Gas into the Network or to ensure that Gas is delivered into the Network at pressures within the limits specified from time to time by Multinet.

#### **14.4 Other Legal Obligations**

Nothing in sub-clauses 14.2 or 14.3 relieves Multinet of any obligations it might have under any applicable law.

## **15. POSSESSION OF GAS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

### **15.1 Control and Possession**

As between Multinet and the Network User:

- (a) the Network User will be in control and possession of Gas prior to its delivery into the Network by or for the account of the Network User;
- (b) the Network User will be in control and possession of Gas after its delivery out of the Network at any User DP; and
- (c) Multinet will be in control and possession of Gas following its delivery into the Network and prior to its delivery out of the Network.

### **15.2 No Responsibility before Receipt**

Multinet will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever with respect to any Gas before it is delivered into the Network. This sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

### **15.3 Limited Responsibility after Delivery**

To the extent permitted by law, Multinet will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever with respect to any Gas, after it is delivered out of the Network, on account of anything which may be done, happen or arise with respect to that Gas prior to receipt at any Receipt Point or after delivery at any DP, provided that Multinet has complied with its obligations pursuant to clause 14. This sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

## **16. WARRANTIES AND TITLE TO GAS**

### **16.1 Warranty of Title to Gas**

The Network User warrants that the Network User has good title to all Gas supplied to Multinet at each Receipt Point by or for the account of the Network User. The Network User also warrants that the Network User has the right to supply Gas at each Receipt Point for transportation by Multinet under the Agreement.

### **16.2 Repetition of Warranties**

The warranties made by the Network User under sub-clause 16.1 will be deemed to be repeated and made on each day on which Gas is delivered to or for the account of the Network User at any Receipt Point or any DP, by reference to the circumstances applicable on that day.

### **16.3 Indemnity**

The Network User will indemnify Multinet against any loss, cost, expense or damage arising from or out of any breach by the Network User of any warranty made or deemed to be made by the Network User under the Agreement.

### **16.4 Title**

Title to the Gas received by Multinet at any Receipt Point will not pass to Multinet but, subject to the Agreement, will remain with the owner of that Gas.

## **16.5 Commingling of Gas**

Subject to sub-clause 12.9, Gas delivered to Multinet at any Receipt Point may be commingled with any other substance in the Network (including any substance owned by Multinet or by any other person). Subject to sub-clause 12.9, Multinet will be entitled to deliver Gas in a commingled state to each User DP.

## **16.6 No Obligation to Account**

Multinet will have no responsibility to deliver any Gas to or for the account of the Network User (or to otherwise account to the Network User for any Gas delivered into the Network by or for the account of the Network User) other than by delivering Gas in accordance with Multinet's obligations under the Agreement.

## **16.7 Survival**

This clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

## **17. SUPPLY CURTAILMENT**

### **17.1 Right to Interrupt or Curtail**

Subject to sub-clauses 17.2 and 17.3 and to the extent permitted by law, Multinet may interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas through the Network at any time, including for a Planned Interruption or an Unplanned Interruption.

### **17.2 Notice of Interruption or Curtailment**

Multinet will give the Network User and/or the relevant Shared Customers such notice as is required by law whenever Multinet proposes to interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas at any User DP.

### **17.3 Order of Priority**

If Multinet proposes to interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas pursuant to sub-clause 17.1 then, to the extent that it is practicable to do so (having regard to the reasons for the interruption or curtailment, the intended objective of the interruption or curtailment and any other relevant circumstances), Multinet will endeavour to interrupt or curtail deliveries in the following descending order of priority:

- (a) Interruptible DPs, being those DPs where Multinet has an arrangement that permits Multinet to interrupt or curtail the delivery of Gas at that DP, in the relevant circumstances, in priority to other DPs;
- (b) Demand DPs with alternative fuel sources;
- (c) Demand DPs with the ability to shut down their plant or operations with minimal disruption;
- (d) Demand DPs which are capable of releasing the greatest capacity to that part or parts of the Network in respect of which load shedding is required;
- (e) other Demand DPs;
- (f) Non-Residential DPs;
- (g) Residential DPs;
- (h) emergency or essential services (such as hospitals).

Where two or more DPs fall within a particular category specified in this sub-clause, Multinet may interrupt or curtail

deliveries to those DPs in such order as Multinet determines having regard to the relevant circumstances. Multinet will not select which of those DPs to curtail or interrupt based on the identity of the Network User.

#### **17.4 Categorisation of Delivery Points**

For the purposes of sub-clause 17.3, Multinet will determine, in good faith, into which category any particular DP falls, based on its actual knowledge of the DP. Multinet's determination will bind the Network User. If reasonably requested by the Network User, Multinet will promptly provide the Network User with an explanation for Multinet's determination under this sub-clause.

#### **17.5 Network User Information**

The Network User must give Multinet whatever information Multinet reasonably requests from time to time to enable Multinet to interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas pursuant to the Agreement. That information may include (but is not limited to) emergency contact details for the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, the Network User or any Shared Customer).

#### **17.6 Updates**

The Network User must give Multinet whatever additional information is necessary from time to time to ensure that all information given to Multinet pursuant to sub-clause 17.5 remains true, correct and up to date throughout the Term.

#### **17.7 Assistance**

The Network User must give Multinet whatever assistance Multinet reasonably requests from time to time to interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas at any User DP.

If the Network User is a Gas Retailer, the Network User must use best endeavours to cause or procure each Shared Customer to give Multinet whatever assistance Multinet reasonably requests from time to time to interrupt or curtail deliveries of Gas at any User DP.

## **PART III: OTHER SERVICES**

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### **18. DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION**

#### **18.1 Grounds for Disconnection**

Multinet may disconnect any User DP (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer's premises) from the Network where disconnection is permitted by law.

#### **18.2 Reconnection**

If any User DP (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any User DP or any Shared Customer's premises) is disconnected from the Network, Multinet will re-connect that User DP (or those premises) to the Network as and when required by law.

#### **18.3 Reconnection Request**

If any User DP (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any User DP or any Shared Customer's premises) has been disconnected from the Network and Multinet obtains a meter reading showing that Gas has been taken through that User DP whilst it was disconnected, Multinet may:

- (a) issue a service order or request to itself on behalf of the Network User requesting reconnection; and
- (b) act on that service order or request and re-connect that User DP (or those premises) to the Network.

Multinet will notify the Network User that Multinet has issued a service order or request requesting reconnection on behalf of the Network User.

### **19. ANCILLARY REFERENCE SERVICES**

#### **19.1 Standards**

Multinet will undertake Ancillary Reference Services in accordance with the Retail Market Procedures and all other applicable laws.

#### **19.2 Payment of Charges**

Multinet is entitled to charge the Network User for Ancillary Reference Services requested by the Network User. The Ancillary Reference Charges will be calculated from time to time in accordance with the Agreement and the Tariff Schedule applicable at the relevant time.

## PART IV: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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### 20. DISTRIBUTION SERVICE CHARGES

#### 20.1 Obligation to Pay Charges

Subject to sub-clause 20.3, in consideration for the Distribution Services, the Network User must pay Multinet the Distribution Service Charges payable in respect of each User DP (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, each User DP and each Shared Customer).

#### 20.2 Liability for Charges

Subject to sub-clause 20.3, the Distribution Services Charges for which the Network User is liable in respect of a User DP or Shared Customer include the Distribution Service Charges which accrue, in respect of any User DP, whilst the Network User is registered under the Retail Market Procedures as the FRO in relation to that User DP. If the Network User is a Gas Retailer:

- (a) the Network User is liable for any component of the Distribution Service Charges which accrues in relation to a User DP whilst there is no Shared Customer in respect of that User DP;
- (b) if there is a Shared Customer in respect of a User DP and the Network User is not permitted to recover Distribution Service Charges from that Shared Customer under the NERL or NERR, clause 22.1 applies and Multinet is not permitted to recover those Distribution Service Charges from the Network User; and
- (c) unless clause 22.1 applies, if there is a Shared Customer in respect of a User DP, the Network User is liable for Distribution Service Charges which accrue in respect of that User DP, even if the Shared Customer has not paid, or does not pay, those Distribution Service Charges to the Network User.

#### 20.3 Direct Billing Arrangements

If the Network User is a Gas Retailer, the Network User has no liability to pay any Distribution Service Charges that have been, or are to be, billed to any Shared Customer under a direct billing arrangement between Multinet and that Shared Customer. A direct billing arrangement is an agreement between Multinet and a Shared Customer under which it is agreed that the Shared Customer will be responsible for paying the Distribution Services Charges directly to Multinet.

#### 20.4 Calculation of Charges

The Distribution Services Charges must be calculated in accordance with the Agreement and the Tariff Schedule applicable at the relevant time.

### 21. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

#### 21.1 Statement of Charges

Multinet will provide a statement of Distribution Services Charges (**a statement of charges**) to the Network User at the time or times required by law and, if not required by law, by no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day after the end of each Billing Period.



## **21.2 Content of Statement of Charges**

Each statement of charges must include the information required by law together with any other information required by the Agreement. A statement of charges may also include any other information which Multinet decides or agrees to include.

## **21.3 Format of Statement of Charges**

Each statement of charges will be in such format as is required by law and, to the extent permitted by law, in such format as is reasonably determined by Multinet.

## **21.4 Tax Invoice**

To the extent permitted by law, a statement of charges will comply with the requirements that are necessary in order for that statement of charges to constitute, or to be treated as or taken to be, a tax invoice for the purposes of the GST Act. Otherwise, when Multinet gives the Network User a statement of charges, Multinet will provide the Network User with a tax invoice for the amount specified in that statement of charges.

## **21.5 Due Date for Payment**

Subject to clause 23, the Network User must pay the full amount specified in each statement of charges, without set-off, by the due date for payment. The due date for payment is 10 Business Days after the date that the statement of charges is first sent to the Network User. Payment must be made into Multinet's nominated bank account.

## **21.6 Survival**

This clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

## **22. ADJUSTMENT OF CHARGES**

### **22.1 Recovery not Permitted**

If the Network User is a Gas Retailer and the Network User is not permitted to recover Distribution Service Charges from a Shared Customer under the NERL or the NERR (once they are adopted in the relevant jurisdiction), then neither is Multinet permitted to recover those Distribution Services Charges from the Network User.

### **22.2 Adjustments**

Subject to sub-clause 22.1, the Distribution Service Charges contained in a statement of charges may be adjusted to account for:

- (a) differences between estimated meter readings used for the purposes of a statement and metering data obtained after the issue of a statement; and
- (b) any error in, or correction or substitution of:
  - (i) metering data; or
  - (ii) any other amount or factor that affects the calculation of the Distribution Service Charges.

An adjustment may be made by Multinet by including, in a subsequent statement of charges, the amount required to be paid by, or credited to, the Network User together with an explanation of the adjustment.

### 22.3 Time Limit

- (a) Subject to sub-clause 22.3(b), the Network User may not make any claim for an adjustment of the Distribution Service Charges in a statement of charges:
  - (i) unless full particulars of that claim are given by the Network User to Multinet within three months after the claim becomes known (or should have become known) to the Network User (or its officers, servants, agents or contractors); or
  - (ii) in any event, more than eleven months after the date of the relevant statement of charges.
- (b) If the Network User is a Gas Retailer, sub-clause 22.3(a) will not limit any claim, or the time for any claim, which the Network User is required by law to make or pursue on behalf of a Shared Customer.
- (c) For the purposes of this clause, “should have become known” means would have become known to the Network User if the Network User had exercised reasonable care and acted in a diligent and prudent manner.

### 23. DISPUTED STATEMENT OF CHARGES

If the Network User disputes an amount (the disputed amount) set out in a statement of charges, then the Network User and Multinet will comply with Rule 510 of the National Gas Rules in relation to that dispute.

If rule 510 of the National Gas Rules is not in force or does not apply to that dispute then the following provisions will apply:

- (a) The Network User must give written notice to Multinet of the disputed amount, and the reasons for disputing payment.
- (b) Payment by the Network User of all or part of an amount set out in a statement of charges does not affect the right of the Network User to dispute the amount;
- (c) If the Network User has given notice under paragraph (a) and payment of the charges to which the statement relates has not yet been made, the Network User must pay Multinet by the due date for payment (unless Multinet agrees otherwise) the greater of:
  - (i) the undisputed component of the statement of charges; or
  - (ii) 80% of the total amount due under the disputed statement of charges;
- (d) The Network User must, if the dispute is not resolved by agreement of the parties within 10 Business Days after the date the Network User gave notice under paragraph (a), immediately submit the dispute for resolution or determination in accordance with Part 15C of the National Gas Rules (or, if Part 15C of the National Gas Rules does not apply, in accordance with clause 37);
- (e) If the Network User fails to submit the dispute for resolution or determination in accordance with paragraph (d), Multinet may submit the dispute for resolution or determination in accordance with Part 15C of the National Gas Rules (or, if Part 15C of the National Gas Rules does not apply, in accordance with clause 37);
- (f) Subject to any determination of the dispute resolution panel under Part 15C of the National Gas Rules or the Independent Expert under clause 37 (as the case may be), if, following the resolution or determination of the dispute, the amount due to Multinet is:

- (i) more than the amount already paid by the Network User, the Network User must pay the difference to Multinet within three Business Days of the resolution or determination of the dispute, together with interest on the amount of the difference at the Default Interest Rate for each day from the original due date for payment to the actual date of payment; or
- (ii) less than the amount already paid by the Network User, Multinet must pay the difference to the Network User within three Business Days of the resolution or determination of the dispute, together with interest on the amount of the difference at the Default Interest Rate for each day from the date the Network User made the overpayment to Multinet to the actual date of repayment of the amount of the excess by Multinet.

## **24. DELIVERED QUANTITIES**

### **24.1 Basis for Determination**

Whenever Multinet prepares a statement of charges for a given Billing Period, the Quantity of Gas shown in that statement of charges to have been delivered (or estimated to have been delivered or expected to be delivered) will be determined by Multinet:

- (a) in the manner required by law;
- (b) (to the extent permitted by law) in the manner required by any relevant rules or agreement that bind Multinet and the Network User; and
- (c) (to the extent not otherwise required by paragraphs (a) and (b)), on a reasonable basis.

**24.2 [not used]**

**24.3 [not used]**

**24.4 [not used]**

**24.5 [not used]**

### **24.6 Reconciliation**

If the Charges payable by the Network User in respect of any Billing Period were calculated on the basis of estimated deliveries of Gas during that Billing Period and subsequently a reading taken from Metering Equipment enables Multinet to determine the actual Quantity of Gas delivered (assuming, if necessary, that Gas was delivered at a constant rate), Multinet will determine the actual Quantity of Gas delivered (if necessary, based on that assumption) and will determine whether the Network User has overpaid or underpaid the tariffs and other charges. Subject to sub-clause 22.1, Multinet will credit the Network User with any overpayment, or debit the Network User with any underpayment, in the next statement of charges issued pursuant to the Agreement.

### **24.7 Determinations Conclusive**

Multinet will determine on a reasonable basis the Quantities of Gas delivered (or expected to be delivered) to any DP during any period. Such determination will be conclusive and binding on the Network User, unless proven incorrect.

## **25. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

### **25.1 Method of Payment**

Payment by the Network User will be made in the manner specified by law, or where no manner is specified, in immediately available funds on or before the due date by electronic funds transfer to a bank account designated by Multinet by notice in writing to the Network User, or by other agreed method of payment.

### **25.2 Business Days**

If any payment by the Network User falls due on a day that is not a Business Day, then the payment will be made on the Business Day immediately prior to the due date for payment.

## **26. FAILURE TO PAY**

### **26.1 Overdue Interest**

If a party fails to pay any amount due to the other party under the Agreement by the date on which that amount is due (other than where permitted by law), then that party will pay the other party interest on the unpaid amount to the extent that it remains unpaid from time to time. Interest will be calculated in the manner specified by law or, where no manner is specified, on a daily basis and will accrue at the Default Interest Rate. Accrued interest is payable on demand. Interest not paid in the month in which it accrues will be capitalised and will itself bear interest in accordance with this sub-clause. This sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

### **26.2 Right to Set Off Unpaid Amounts**

Subject to sub-clause 21.5 and clause 23, if any Party (**Party A**) does not pay any amount due to the other Party (**Party B**) under the Agreement, then Party B may withhold and set off payment of any amounts due or owing by Party B to Party A against any and all amounts due or owing by Party A to Party B. This sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

### **26.3 Right to Suspend Services**

If the Network User does not pay any amount due to Multinet under the Agreement, or under any Related Haulage Agreement (other than where permitted by sub-clause 22.1), then Multinet may cease delivering Gas through any User DP, and may cease performing any of its other obligations under the Agreement, until such time as the Network User has paid in full all unpaid amounts due to Multinet together with any interest accrued on those amounts. This clause does not apply where the Network User is a Gas Retailer.

## **27. CREDIT SUPPORT**

### **27.1 Network User to provide credit support**

The Network User must, on request by Multinet, provide credit support to Multinet in accordance with the law or, if not required by law, in accordance with this clause [and the Access Arrangement](#).

## 27.2 Credit Support

The credit support provided by the Network User must be:

- (a) for an amount ~~reasonably~~ requested by Multinet and not exceeding that specified in the Access Arrangement;
- (b) provided within five Business Days of Multinet's request; and
- (c) an acceptable form of credit support in favour of Multinet.

## 27.3 Acceptable Form of Credit Support

If the Network User is ~~required~~requested to provide credit support pursuant to this clause 27, the Network User must provide credit support in an acceptable form. An acceptable form of credit support is:

- (a) a form of credit support that the Network User agrees to provide, and Multinet agrees to accept; or
- (b) an undertaking:
  - (i) substantially in the form set out in Appendix 2; and
  - (ii) issued by a financial institution acceptable to Multinet.

## 27.4 Provision of Credit Support where Dispute arises

If the Network User is not a Gas Retailer, The Network User must provide credit support required under the Access Arrangement requested by Multinet even though:

- (a) the Network User disputes Multinet's entitlement to the credit support (in whole or in part); and
- (b) the dispute remains unresolved.

## 27.5 Cost Reimbursement

Where it is determined that Multinet was not entitled to the credit support provided by the Network User in whole or in part, then (to the extent that Multinet is not otherwise required to do so by law), Multinet must:

- (a) reimburse the Network User for any costs incurred to procure the credit support (including the costs of funding any cash collateral provided to the issuer of the credit support), in excess of the costs that the Network User would have incurred if the correct amount had been requested; and
- (b) pay the Network User interest at the Default Interest Rate on the amount of those excess costs.

## 27.6 Increasing or decreasing credit support

The amount of credit support provided by the Network User will be increased or decreased in accordance with the law, or the Access Arrangement as determined by Multinet (acting reasonably).

## 27.7 Application of Credit Support

Multinet may only apply or draw on the credit support if:

- (a) Multinet has given not less than three business days' notice to the Network User that it intends to apply or draw on the credit support in respect of an amount due and payable by the Network User to Multinet, and that amount remains outstanding; and
- (b) there is no unresolved dispute under clause 23 about the Network User's liability to pay that amount.

## 27.8 Return of Credit Support

If the Network User is a Gas Retailer and the Network User has provided Multinet with credit support and:

- (a) Multinet and the Network User no longer have any shared customers; or
- (b) In the 12 months since the credit support was provided, the Network User has paid in full the charges contained in each statement of charges issued in that 12 month period by the due date for payment.

Multinet must pay, cancel or return to the Network User as appropriate, any balance of credit support outstanding after payment of all amounts owing by the Network User to Multinet. ~~as and when required by law.~~

## 27.9 Other obligations of Network User

The Network User must not take any steps to restrain (by injunction or otherwise):

- (a) an issuer of credit support from paying out, or otherwise satisfying, a claim properly made by Multinet under the terms of the credit support; or
- (b) Multinet from making a claim on the credit support in accordance with the law or the Agreement; or
- (c) Multinet from using the money obtained by calling on the credit support.

The Network User acknowledges that Multinet may disclose to its financiers, the AER or AEMO that it has required or called on credit support provided by the Network User.

## 28. TERMINATION

### 28.1 Term

The Agreement will commence on the Start Date and will continue until it is terminated in accordance with sub-clause 28.2, sub-clause 28.3 or by agreement between Multinet and the Network User.

### 28.2 Termination by Multinet

Multinet may terminate the Agreement by seven days' notice given to the Network User at any time, in the event that:

- (a) subject to clause 28.4, the Network User fails to pay any amount due to Multinet on time in the manner required by the Agreement or any Related Haulage Agreement (other than where permitted by law (including clause 23)) and the Network User fails to pay the amount due within 14 days after it receives a written notice specifying the amount that is due;
- (b) subject to clause 28.4, the Network User breaches any other obligation under or in relation to the Agreement or any Related Haulage Agreement and, where that breach can be remedied, fails to remedy that breach to the satisfaction of Multinet within 14 days after it receives notice of that breach;
- (c) the Network User becomes an externally-administered body corporate or insolvent under administration (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001) or an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Network User;
- (d) an official (including, but not limited to, an administrator, manager or receiver) is appointed in respect of the business of the Network User or the whole, or any significant part of, the assets of the Network User;
- (e) the Network User ceases to be registered under the National Gas Rules as a registered participant in any

relevant registrable capacity (or the Network User's registration is suspended);

- (f) the Network User ceases to meet the requirements of the Network User Policy;
- (g) there is any material adverse change, in the reasonable opinion of Multinet, in the ability of the Network User to comply with the terms of, or its obligations under, the Agreement or any Related Haulage Agreement;
- (h) the Network ceases to be a Covered Pipeline under or for the purposes of the National Gas Law (including, but without limitation, if the National Gas Law is repealed); or
- (i) Multinet ceases to hold the Distribution Licence.

### **28.3 Termination by the Network User**

The Network User may terminate the Agreement by seven days' notice given to Multinet at any time in the event that:

- (a) subject to clause 28.4, Multinet breaches any obligation under or in relation to the Agreement and, where that breach can be remedied, fails to remedy that breach to the satisfaction of the Network User within 14 days after it receives notice of that breach from the Network User;
- (b) Multinet becomes an externally-administered body corporate or insolvent under administration (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001) or an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to Multinet;
- (c) the Network ceases to be a Covered Pipeline under or for the purposes of the National Gas Law (including, but without limitation, if the National Gas Law is repealed); or
- (d) Multinet ceases to hold the Distribution Licence.

### **28.4 Disputed Right of Termination**

Multinet may not give notice of termination under clause 28.2(a) or 28.2(b) for an alleged breach of an obligation by the Network User if the Network User, in good faith, disputes the alleged breach and gives Multinet notice of that dispute in accordance with clause 37 within 14 days after the Network User receives notice of the alleged breach. This clause will not apply in any case where it has been determined that the Network User is in breach of an obligation (either by the Independent Expert appointed to resolve the dispute or by a court of law).

The Network User may not give notice of termination under clause 28.3(a) for an alleged breach of an obligation by Multinet if Multinet, in good faith, disputes the alleged breach and gives the Network User notice of that dispute in accordance with clause 37 within 14 days after Multinet receives notice of the alleged breach. This clause will not apply in any case where it has been determined that Multinet is in breach of an obligation (either by the Independent Expert appointed to resolve the dispute or by a court of law).

### **28.5 Effect of Termination**

The termination of the Agreement will terminate the rights and obligations of the Network User and Multinet under the Agreement (to the extent that those rights and obligations have not then accrued), other than rights and obligations which are expressed to survive termination.

### **28.6 [Not Used]**

### **28.7 Imbalance on Termination**

If there is an Imbalance on termination of the Agreement, title to any Gas in the Network which is owned by the Network User (but which has not been delivered out of the Network to or for the account of the Network User) will pass

to the person to whom, or for whose account, that Gas is delivered, for no consideration other than the terms of this Agreement. The Network User will have no claim against Multinet for or in relation to that Gas.

For the purposes of this sub-clause, there will be an Imbalance (on termination of the Agreement) in the event that the Quantity of Gas delivered into the Network by or for the account of the Network User is not exactly equal to the Quantity of Gas delivered out of the Network to or for the account of the Network User.

## **28.8 Holding Over**

If Gas continues to be delivered after the end of the Term (except if the Term ends as a result of the termination of the Agreement by Multinet pursuant to sub-clause 28.2 or the Network User pursuant to sub-clause 28.3) through any DP in respect of which the Network User is the FRO (as that term is defined in the Retail Market Procedures), Multinet and the Network User will be taken to have entered into a new agreement for the delivery of Gas through that DP on the same terms as the Agreement, except that the expiry date of that agreement will be:

- (a) the date on which Multinet and the Network User enter into a new agreement in respect of the DP which terminates or supersedes that agreement;
  - (b) the date on which that DP is disconnected so that it is not possible to deliver Gas through that DP; or
  - (c) the date on which the Network User ceases to be the FRO in relation to that DP,
- whichever is earlier.

This sub-clause will survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.

## **29. SERVICE PROVIDER'S LIABILITY**

### **29.1 Indemnity against Property Damage and Personal Injury**

Subject to the other terms of the Agreement, Multinet will indemnify the Network User against:

- (a) any damage that is caused to property of the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, a Shared Customer); or
- (b) death or personal injury caused to an officer, servant, agent or contractor of the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer),

as a result of any negligent act or omission on the part of Multinet or its officers, servants or agents in connection with the provision to the Network User of Distribution Services pursuant to the Agreement or the operation, maintenance, repair, administration or management of the Network or any part of it.

### **29.2 Contribution**

Multinet's obligation to indemnify the Network User under this clause will be reduced in proportion to the extent that the damage or injury has been caused by an act or omission on the part of any of the following:

- (a) the Network User or any of its officers, servants, agents or contractors (including, but without limitation, any breach by the Network User of its obligations under the Agreement); or
- (b) if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, a Shared Customer (or any officer, servant, agent or contractor of a Shared Customer).

### **29.3 Notice of Claims**



The Network User will promptly notify Multinet of any Claim which the Network User has, or believes it has, against Multinet as a result of any act or omission on the part of Multinet (or any officer, servant, agent or other person for whom Multinet is liable) in or in connection with:

- (a) the provision of Distribution Services; or
- (b) the operation, maintenance, repair, administration or management of the Network or any part of it.

The Network User's obligations under this sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

#### **29.4 Mitigation**

Each party must use reasonable endeavours to mitigate every Claim it might have against the other party.

#### **29.5 Limitation Period**

To the extent permitted by law, Multinet will have no liability to the Network User, for or in respect of any Claim, unless full particulars of that Claim are given by the Network User to Multinet within three months after that Claim becomes known to the Network User (or its officers, servants, agents or contractors) or should have become known to the Network User (or its officers, servants, agents or contractors, whichever is earlier). This sub-clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

#### **29.6 Exclusion of Economic Loss and Consequential Loss**

To the extent permitted by law, neither party will have any liability to the other party, for or in respect of any claim (whether in tort, in contract or otherwise) for any loss of business or business interruption, loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of opportunity, or for any other purely economic or monetary loss, or for any indirect, special or consequential loss, cost, expense or damage, which the other party may suffer or incur.

#### **29.7 Maximum Liability for Other Loss**

To the extent permitted by law, the maximum amount that either party will be legally liable to pay to the other party (and to any other person or persons) as damages for compensation in respect of the death of any person or any injury to any person or any damage to any property will be limited to \$100 million in aggregate in relation to any one event or occurrence (aggregating all damages and compensation due to the other party and each person in respect of that event or occurrence). Neither party will have any right to recover damages or compensation from the other party in relation to any claim to the extent that the other party's liability will then exceed the limit set out in this sub-clause.

#### **29.8 Australian Consumer Law**

No clause of the Agreement will apply to the extent that it purports to exclude, restrict or modify, or has the effect of excluding, restricting or modifying:

- (a) the application of all or any of the provisions of Division 1 of Part 3-2 of the Australian Consumer Law (as defined in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cwlth));
- (b) the exercise of a right conferred by such a provision;
- (c) any liability of a corporation for breach of a guarantee implied by such a provision.

#### **29.9 Interpretation**

For the purposes of sub-clause 29.8, a clause of the Agreement will not be taken to exclude, restrict or modify the application of a provision or section unless the clause does so expressly or is inconsistent with that provision or

section.

## **29.10 Statutory Immunity**

Nothing in the Agreement is intended to vary or exclude any immunity conferred on Multinet by any law.

## **30. CONSUMER CONTRACT LIMITATION**

### **30.1 Application of Clause**

Sub-clause 30.2 only applies if the Agreement is a contract for the supply by a corporation of goods or services to a consumer (other than goods or services of a kind ordinarily acquired for personal, domestic or household use or consumption).

### **30.2 Limitation of Liability**

Subject to sub-clause 30.3, if this sub-clause applies, the liability of Multinet for failure to comply with a guarantee under the Australian Consumer Law (as defined in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cwlth)) (other than a guarantee under section 51, 52 or 53 of the Australian Consumer Law) is limited:

- (a) in the case of goods, to any one or more of the following (at the option of Multinet):
- the replacement of the goods or the supply of equivalent goods;
  - the repair of the goods;
  - the payment of the cost of replacing the goods or of acquiring equivalent goods;
  - the payment of the cost of having the goods repaired; and
- (b) in the case of services, to one of the following (at the option of Multinet):
- the supplying of the services again; or
  - the payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

### **30.3 Section 64A(3) Exclusion**

Sub-clause 30.2 will not apply in the circumstances specified in section 64A(3) of the Australian Consumer Law.

### **30.4 Interpretation**

Terms used in sub-clauses 30.1 and 30.2 have the same meanings for the purposes of those sub-clauses as they have for the purposes of the Australian Consumer Law.

## **31. FORCE MAJEURE**

### **31.1 Definition**

For purposes of the Agreement, Force Majeure, in relation to a Party, means any event or circumstance not within the control of that Party or that Party's officers, servants, agents or contractors. It includes (but is not limited to) each of the following, to the extent that they are not within the control of that Party or its officers, servants, agents or contractors:

- (a) acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, washouts, landslides, lightning, storms and the

elements;

- (b) strikes, lockouts, bans, slowdowns or other industrial disturbances;
- (c) acts of enemy, terrorism, wars, blockades or insurrections, riots and civil disturbances, arrest and restraint of rulers and peoples;
- (d) fire or explosion;
- (e) epidemic or quarantine;
- (f) any act or omission of any government or regulatory authority including, but without limitation
  - (i) the making of any direction, or notice with which a Party reasonably believes it is required by law to comply; and
  - (ii) any omission to grant any consent or approval which a Party requires in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement (and which the Party has made a reasonable attempt to obtain),but in each case, only to the extent that the act or omission of the government or regulatory authority is not the result of any negligence or wrongful act or omission of the relevant Party; or
- (g) equipment breakdown, accident, breakages or accident to machinery or pipelines, the necessity for making repairs and/or alterations in machinery or pipelines (other than routine maintenance or where the cause of such breakdown or breakage is a lack of proper maintenance).

### **31.2 Consequences of Force Majeure**

Non-performance as a result of Force Majeure by either Party of any obligation or condition required by the Agreement to be performed by it:

- (a) will be excused during the time and to the extent that such performance is prevented, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure (provided that the Party and its officers, servants, agents and contractors took whatever precautions ought reasonably to have been taken to ensure that the Force Majeure would not prevent performance); and
- (b) will not to that extent give rise to any liability to the other Party arising out of, or in any way connected with, that non-performance.

### **31.3 Payment Obligations**

Nothing in this clause will relieve Multinet or the Network User from non-performance of an obligation to pay money (including, without limitation, an obligation to pay the Distribution Service Charges or an obligation to pay money under an indemnity in the Agreement).

### **31.4 Obligation to Remedy**

A party must use all reasonable endeavours to overcome or remedy any Force Majeure which prevents its performance of any obligation under the Agreement as soon as is reasonably practicable.

## **32. NETWORK USER TO ASSIST**

### **32.1 Information**

Each Party will provide the other Party, at no cost and in a timely manner, with whatever information, assistance or co-operation the other Party might reasonably require from time to time in connection with the Agreement or the Distribution Services, including information, assistance or co-operation the other Party requires to comply with its obligations under any law from time to time.

### **32.2 Customer Details**

In particular, but without limitation, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, then, if requested by Multinet, to the extent permitted by law, the Network User will promptly provide Multinet with any information about a Shared Customer which is held by the Network User and required by Multinet for a purpose or purposes relating to the operation, maintenance or management of the Network or the provision of Distribution Services or for other purposes permitted by law. If that information is provided to Multinet, Multinet must use it only for those purposes.

### **32.3 Assistance**

The Network User will use its best endeavours to cause or procure each Upstream Operator (and, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, each Shared Customer) to provide Multinet, at no cost and in a timely manner, with whatever information, assistance or co-operation Multinet might reasonably require from time to time in connection with the Agreement or the Distribution Services, including any information, assistance or co-operation Multinet reasonably requires to comply with its obligations under any law from time to time.

### **32.4 Consultation**

Multinet will provide each Upstream Operator with whatever information that Upstream Operator may require to operate transmission pipelines or other pipelines through which Gas is delivered into the Network to or for the account of the Network User. This information may include (but is not limited to) information to enable that Upstream Operator to balance the Quantity of Gas delivered through each Receipt Point with the Quantity of Gas delivered through each DP to or for the account of the Network User.

### **32.5 Survival**

This clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

## **33. USER'S INDEMNITIES**

### **33.1 [Not Used]**

### **33.2 Network Damage**

Subject to clause 29.7, the Network User will indemnify Multinet against all loss, cost, expense or damage which Multinet might suffer or incur in relation to any Receipt Point, Metering Installation or the operation, administration, maintenance, repair or management of the Network (other than those associated with any curtailment or interruption of the delivery of Gas referred to in sub-clause 33.5) that is caused by any of the following:

- (a) the Network User or any of its officers, servants, agents, contractors or invitees; or
- (b) if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer or any officer, servant, agent, contractor or invitee of any Shared Customer,

arising out of:

- (c) any negligence or wrongful act or omission by the Network User or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer, or any of their respective officers, servants, agents, contractors or invitees; or
- (d) any breach of this Agreement by the Network User.

### **33.3 Death and Personal Injury**

Subject to clause 29.7, the Network User will indemnify Multinet against the death or injury of any servant, agent or contractor or invitee of Multinet that is caused by any negligent act or omission on the part of the Network User or any of its officers, servants or agents in connection with the provision to the Network User of Distribution Services or the operation, maintenance, repair, administration or management of the Network or any part of it.

### **33.4 Service Indemnity**

Subject to sub-clauses 29.7 and 33.6, the Network User will indemnify Multinet against all loss, cost, expense or damage which Multinet might suffer as a result of any negligent or wrongful act or omission on the part of the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, on the part of any Shared Customer) in connection with, or in relation to, any Distribution Service provided by Multinet to the Network User under or in relation to the Agreement (including, in particular (but without limitation), in connection with or in relation to the Disconnection or Reconnection of any User DP pursuant to the Agreement).

### **33.5 Curtailment Indemnity**

Subject to sub-clauses 29.7 and 33.6, the Network User will indemnify Multinet against all loss, cost, expense or damage which Multinet might suffer or incur in connection with, or in relation to any curtailment or interruption of the delivery of Gas as a result of any negligent or wrongful act or omission on the part of a Network User or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, a Shared Customer, or any of their respective officers, servants, agents, contractors or invitees.

### **33.6 Indemnity Qualification**

The Network User's obligation to indemnify Multinet under this clause will be reduced in proportion to the extent that any negligent or wrongful act or omission of Multinet contributes to the loss or liability.

## **34. USER'S INSURANCE**

### **34.1 Insurance Required**

The Network User must obtain and maintain insurance with solvent and reputable insurers throughout the Term against whatever risks a person carrying on a business of retailing gas would prudently insure, (or, if the Network User is not a Gas Retailer, against whatever risks a person carrying on business would prudently insure).

### **34.2 Insurance Information**

Whenever reasonably requested by Multinet, the Network User must give Multinet a certificate of currency for the insurance.

### **34.3 Notice of Claims**

The Network User must promptly notify Multinet whenever an event occurs in relation to the Network which gives rise to, or might give rise to, a claim under any insurance which the Network User maintains under the Agreement.

## **35. ACCESS TO PREMISES**

### **35.1 Right of Access**

Subject to the Agreement, Multinet may from time to time enter any premises or place owned or occupied by the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer) at any reasonable time to operate, inspect, test, read, maintain, repair, remove, replace, alter or improve any Metering Installation, any DP, any Receipt Point or any other part of the Network.

### **35.2 Notice of Entry**

Subject to the Agreement, if Multinet intends to enter any premises or place owned or occupied by the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer), it must give notice of its intention to the owner or occupier of that premises or place as required by law or, if no notice is required by law, it must give reasonable notice or such notice as is agreed with the owner or occupier.

### **35.3 No Notice**

Unless required by law, Multinet will have no obligation to give notice pursuant to the previous sub-clause in the event of an emergency or if it wishes to enter the premises or place to undertake a routine meter replacement or reading or to investigate suspected illegal use or interference.

### **35.4 Network User's Obligation**

The Network User must give reasonable assistance to ensure that Multinet (and its officers, servants, agents or contractors) are given safe, reasonable and unhindered access whenever they require to any premises owned or occupied by the Network User (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, any Shared Customer) for the purposes of:

- (a) performing the Agreement; or
- (b) exercising any right given to Multinet under the Agreement.

### **35.5 Failure to Provide Access**

Multinet will have no liability to the Network User for any failure to perform the Agreement to the extent that Multinet is unable to perform the Agreement because it could not obtain safe, reasonable and unhindered access to any premises or place, at the time or times it required, after exercising its reasonable endeavours to do so (provided that reasonable endeavours will not require Multinet or any of its officers, servants, agents or contractors:

- (a) to enter, or attempt to enter, any premises by force or to take any steps that might involve damage, or the risk of damage, to any property; or
- (b) to take any steps that might involve a reasonable risk of physical injury or harm or a risk to the safety of any person.

This clause 35.5 will not apply after the National Energy Retail Law applies to the Network (but without prejudice to its operation in relation to the period prior to that time).

### **35.6 Special Meter Reading**

If the Network User requests Multinet to read any meter pursuant to the Agreement and Multinet is unable to obtain safe, reasonable and unhindered access to that meter at the time or times Multinet requires, the Network User will

remain responsible to pay Multinet for reading that meter even though no reading is actually taken.

### **35.7 Further Assurances**

Whenever reasonably requested by Multinet, the Network User will grant Multinet (or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, exercise reasonable endeavours to cause or procure a Shared Customer to grant Multinet) an easement, licence or other document which Multinet requires to further assure to Multinet its rights of access under the Agreement in respect of premises and places owned or occupied by the Network User or, if the Network User is a Gas Retailer, by any Shared Customer.

### **35.8 Statutory Rights**

Nothing in this clause restricts or limits any right or obligation which Multinet might have under any law to enter any premises or place.

## **36. CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **36.1 Network User's Obligations**

The Network User must keep confidential any information related to or received from Multinet pursuant to the Agreement which Multinet requires the Network User to keep confidential or which the Network User is required by law to keep confidential.

### **36.2 No Disclosure**

The Network User must not disclose to any third person any of the information it is required to keep confidential ('**Confidential Information**') except where disclosure is permitted pursuant to the Agreement.

### **36.3 Disclosure to Employees**

The Network User may disclose Confidential Information to those of its officers, servants and agents to whom it is necessary to make disclosure. However, the Network User must ensure that any officer, servant or agent to whom Confidential Information is disclosed does not disclose that Confidential Information to any third person to whom the Network User could not make disclosure pursuant to the Agreement.

### **36.4 Disclosure By Law**

The Network User may disclose Confidential Information to the extent that disclosure is required by law.

### **36.5 Multinet's Obligations**

Multinet must comply with any confidentiality obligations imposed on it pursuant to the National Gas Law or the National Gas Rules. Multinet may disclose Confidential Information to the extent that disclosure is required by law.

### **36.6 Disclosure to Related Body Corporate**

Each party may disclose Confidential Information to any body corporate that is its related body corporate (within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001). However, the party must ensure that its related body corporate does not disclose the Confidential Information to any person to whom the party could not make disclosure pursuant to the Agreement.

### **36.7 Disclosure to Associated Companies**

Multinet may disclose information (including information relating to the Network User or this Agreement) to:

- (a) CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited, Power Assets Holdings Limited, CK Asset Holdings Limited or CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (“**the CK Group Companies**”) (each of which is a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange);
- (b) any company in which any of the CK Group Companies has a substantial holding (as defined in the Corporations Act) and the operations or business of which is owned, operated or managed in common or conjunction with the operations or business of Multinet (including, but without limitation, Australian Gas Networks Limited (ACN 078 551 685), DBNGP Holdings Pty Limited (ACN 110 721 081), AGI Operations Pty Ltd (ACN 166 900 170) and Multinet Group Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 104 036 937)) (“**the Sister Companies**”);
- (c) any Related Body Corporate of Multinet, any of the CK Group Companies or any of the Sister Companies; or
- (d) any director, officer, employee, agent, insurer, contractor, banker, financial adviser, technical adviser or professional adviser of Multinet, any of the CK Group Companies or any Related Body Corporate of Multinet, any of the CK Group Companies or any of the Sister Companies; or
- (e) any bona fide proposed or prospective transferee (and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, insurers, contractors, consultants, bankers, financiers, financial advisers, technical advisers or professional adviser, Related Bodies Corporate, co-bidders or bid consortium members and actual or proposed joint venturers).

The Network User consents to the disclosure of information as contemplated by this clause provided that information is disclosed only to the extent reasonably necessary for proper corporate purposes. Multinet must ensure that its associate companies comply with any confidentiality obligations imposed pursuant to the National Gas Law or the National Gas Rules.

## **36.8 Survival**

This clause 36 will survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.

## **37. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **37.1 Interpretation**

In the Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words will have the following meanings:

‘**Dispute**’ means a dispute between Multinet and the Network User in relation to the Agreement (other than an access dispute to which the National Gas Law applies or a dispute that is subject to a dispute resolution process which Multinet or the Network User are required by law to follow).

‘**Independent Expert**’, in relation to a Dispute, means the person appointed or to be appointed pursuant to the Agreement to resolve that Dispute.

### **37.2 Referral to Dispute Resolution**

If any Dispute arises, either Party may notify the other Party that it wishes to refer that Dispute for resolution in accordance with the Agreement. The notice must specify the issues in dispute.

### **37.3 Negotiations**

If any Party gives notice that it wishes to refer a Dispute for resolution, then the Parties must meet as soon as is



reasonably practicable and endeavour to resolve that Dispute through negotiation.

#### **37.4 Referral to Expert**

If a Dispute is not resolved through negotiation within 10 Business Days after notice was given referring that Dispute for resolution (or within whatever longer period the Parties may agree) then either Party may notify the other that it wishes to refer that Dispute to an Independent Expert.

#### **37.5 Selection of Expert**

Within five Business Days after a notice is given under the previous sub-clause, the Parties will endeavour to agree on a person to be appointed as Independent Expert to resolve the Dispute. If they are unable to agree within that period, either Party may request the Resolution Institute (ABN 69 008 651 232) to nominate a person who has appropriate commercial, technical and practical expertise in relevant areas.

#### **37.6 Appointment of Expert**

The Parties will jointly appoint the person selected as the Independent Expert on terms agreed between the Parties and that person (or, to the extent not agreed, the terms specified by the Independent Expert).

#### **37.7 Expert not Arbitrator**

The Independent Expert will act as an expert and not as an arbitrator. The Independent Expert will not be bound by the rules of evidence and will have power to inform himself or herself independently as to the facts to which that Dispute relates and to take such measures as he or she thinks fit to expedite the determination of the Dispute. The Parties must provide the Independent Expert with whatever information or other assistance he or she reasonably requires.

#### **37.8 Basis of Decision**

The Independent Expert may resolve the Dispute in whatever manner the Independent Expert thinks fit except that the Independent Expert has no power to make a decision that is inconsistent with, or does not give full effect to, the terms of the Agreement.

#### **37.9 Decision Binding**

The Independent Expert must give the Parties a decision in writing as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any event, within 20 Business Days after the Independent Expert was appointed (or within whatever longer period the Parties may agree). The decision must record the facts as determined by the Independent Expert and the reasons for that decision. The decision will be final and binding on the Parties unless the decision is beyond the power of the Independent Expert.

#### **37.10 Costs of Expert**

Multinet and the Network User will each pay one half of the costs of the Independent Expert unless the Independent Expert finds that either or both of them has acted unreasonably in relation to the Dispute, in which case Multinet and the Network User will pay those costs in such proportions as the Independent Expert thinks fit having regard to the degree to which the Independent Expert considers they acted unreasonably.

#### **37.11 Legal Proceedings**

Neither Party may commence legal proceedings in any court in any jurisdiction in respect of any Dispute unless the

Independent Expert has made a determination in relation to that Dispute or the Independent Expert has failed to make a determination, in relation to that Dispute, within the time required under the Agreement.

### **37.12 Interlocutory Relief**

Sub-clause 37.11 does not prevent a Party seeking or obtaining an interlocutory injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction.

### **37.13 Mediation**

The Parties may agree to refer a Dispute to mediation, in which case the Parties will select and appoint a person to act as a mediator and, with the assistance of that mediator, the Parties will endeavour to resolve the Dispute through mediation. The mediator's role is to assist the Parties negotiate a resolution of the Dispute. The mediator has no power to make any decision binding on any Party (unless that Party agrees to be bound by that decision).

### **37.14 Agreement Continues**

Each Party is entitled to exercise all of its rights, powers and remedies under the Agreement, and is obliged to perform and discharge all of its obligations and liabilities under the Agreement, notwithstanding the existence of a Dispute or the fact that a Dispute remains unresolved.

### **37.15 Survival**

This clause will survive the termination of the Agreement.

## **38. NOTICES**

### **38.1 Notices**

Unless otherwise specified or agreed or permitted or required by law, notice given by any Party under the Agreement will be given in writing and will be considered as having been given if delivered:

- (a) personally by being left at the address of the Party to whom the notice is given between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm on any Business Day;
- (b) by mail with all postage and charges prepaid to either the Network User or Multinet (as the case may be) at the address for notices specified in the Agreement; or
- (c) by e-mail.

Any communications by mail will be deemed to have been received on the third Business Day following the date of mailing. Normal operating instructions may be made by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.

### **38.2 Address for Notices**

Unless notified otherwise, the address for notices under the Agreement for the Network User is as specified in the Specific Terms and Conditions and for Multinet is:

Multinet Gas Distribution Partnership  
Level 6  
400 King William Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Attention: Executive General Manager, ~~Customer &  
Strategy~~Corporate and Regulation  
Telephone: (08) 8418 114244  
E-mail: [mgn@agiq.com.au](mailto:mgn@agiq.com.au)

## **39. ASSIGNMENT**

### **39.1 Assignment**

Neither Party may transfer, assign or otherwise deal with any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement except in accordance with the Agreement or the Access Arrangement.

### **39.2 Assignment by Network User**

The Network User must not assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement unless:

- (a) the Network User or the assignee has received the explicit informed consent to the registration of the assignee in AEMO's metering register as the FRO for each supply point that is the subject of the assignment;
- (b) a transfer request has been delivered to AEMO in relation to each supply point for which explicit informed consent has been obtained, specifying a prospective date for registration of the transfer;
- (c) Multinet has received a transfer request notification in respect of the transfer request and Multinet has not notified AEMO of any potential problem in respect of that transfer request;
- (d) the assignment takes effect at the same time as the assignee becomes registered under the Retail Market Procedures as the FRO for each supply point that is the subject of the assignment;
- (e) the prospective assignee has entered into an agreement with Multinet under which the assignee agrees to be bound, from the time of the assignment, by the agreement between Multinet and the assignor as if the assignee stood in the shoes of the assignor;
- (f) the prospective assignee meets the requirements of Multinet's Network User Policy;
- (g) the prospective assignee holds the requisite licences or authorisations to retail gas and is registered as a participant in the relevant gas markets;
- (h) the prospective assignee has provided Multinet with the same credit support as Multinet holds from the assignor for the charges payable by the assignee; and
- (i) Multinet has given its consent to the assignment of rights and obligations to the assignee (with such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

Wherever appropriate, terms used in this sub-clause have the meanings given to them in version 16 of the Retail Market Procedures.

### **39.3 Assignment by Multinet**

Multinet may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement to any person who purchases or acquires the Network or possession and control of the Network.

#### **39.4 Release from Obligations**

If Multinet assigns or transfers its rights and obligations under the Agreement, Multinet will be automatically released and discharged from its obligations and liabilities under and in relation to the Agreement to the extent that those obligations and liabilities are assumed by the person who purchases or acquires the Network or possession and control of the Network.

#### **39.5 Deed of Assumption**

For the purposes of sub-clause 39.4 a person will be taken to have assumed Multinet's obligations and liabilities if that person executes a deed poll in favour of the Network User (whether alone or with any other person or persons) under which that person undertakes to perform and discharge those obligations.

#### **39.6 Encumbrances**

Multinet may mortgage, charge or otherwise encumber any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement in favour of any person.

### **40. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT**

#### **40.1 Amendment by Agreement in Writing**

The Agreement may only be amended in writing executed by or on behalf of the Network User and Multinet.

#### **40.2 Changes to General Terms and Conditions**

If the Regulator approves any amendments to the General Terms and Conditions (including any revisions to the General Terms and Conditions approved by the Regulator as a result of an access arrangement revision proposal or an access arrangement variation proposal) then Multinet or the Network User may request the other that the Agreement is amended to adopt the amendments to the General Terms and Conditions, in which case, Multinet and the Network User must use their best endeavours to agree and execute an amendment to this Agreement which adopts those amendments (provided that neither party is required to accept any amendment that is inconsistent with the Specific Terms and Conditions or where there are other reasonable grounds to not accept that amendment).

### **41. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### **41.1 Modification, Waivers and Forbearance**

No failure or delay by a party in exercising any right, power or privilege under the Agreement will operate as a waiver thereof nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

No waiver by either party of any one or more defaults by the other party in the performance of the Agreement will operate or be construed as a waiver of any future default or defaults by the same party or the other party, whether of a

like or of a different character.

No granting of time or other forbearance or indulgence by a party will in any way release, discharge or otherwise affect the liability of the other party under the Agreement.

#### **41.2 Indemnities**

Each indemnity in the Agreement is a continuing indemnity which will survive the termination of the Agreement. It is not necessary to incur a loss, cost, expense or damage before enforcing any indemnity.

#### **41.3 Consents**

Where any consent or approval is required from either party under the Agreement, that party must not unreasonably withhold or delay that consent or approval. Each party may make any consent or approval subject to whatever conditions are reasonably necessary. If either party withholds its consent or approval, it must explain why consent or approval has been withheld. Any explanation is without prejudice.

#### **41.4 Governing Law**

The Agreement will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State in which the Network is located. Multinet and the Network User submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that State and agree to be bound by any decisions of those courts and any courts having jurisdiction to hear appeals from those courts.

#### **41.5 Severability**

If any provision of the Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or void, then the legality or validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Agreement will not be affected, and the illegal or invalid or void provision will be deemed to be deleted from the Agreement to the same extent and effect as if it was never incorporated in the Agreement. All other provisions of the Agreement will continue in force unless the deletion of the provision has substantially altered the commercial efficacy of the Agreement.

#### **41.6 No Benefit to Other Persons**

Neither Multinet nor the Network User intends that the provisions of the Agreement are to benefit, or affect contractually, in any way any other person. No person, other than valid assignees, will have any right to enforce the terms of the Agreement against the Network User or Multinet.

#### **41.7 Delegation**

Multinet may from time to time appoint an agent or contractor to exercise some or all of Multinet's rights under the Agreement for and on behalf of Multinet (including, but without limitation, this right to delegate). Multinet may also from time to time appoint an agent or contractor to perform some or all of Multinet's obligations under the Agreement for and on behalf of Multinet. The appointment by Multinet of an agent or contractor will not relieve Multinet from any liability in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Agreement.

#### **41.8 Enforceability**

Each party represents that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under the Agreement and that the Agreement is binding on that party and enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

#### **41.9 No Partnership**

Nothing in or arising out of the Agreement will constitute a partnership between the Network User and Multinet or either of them for any purpose.

#### **41.10 Costs**

Each party will bear its own costs in connection with the preparation, settlement, execution and delivery of the Agreement.

#### **41.11 Stamp Duty**

The Network User will pay all stamp duty payable in any jurisdiction on or in respect of:

- (a) the Agreement;
- (b) any statement of charges, invoice or notice issued pursuant to the Agreement;
- (c) any easement, licence or other document required under sub-clause 35.7 of the Agreement; and
- (d) any document which gives effect to a transfer or assignment by the Network User pursuant to sub-clause 39.2.

#### **41.12 Further Assurances**

The Network User will sign all such documents and do and procure to be done all such acts and things which Multinet considers necessary or desirable from time to time to give full effect to the Agreement.

## **42. INTERPRETATION**

### **42.1 Interpretation**

In interpreting these terms and conditions or the Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) a reference to an individual or to a person includes a corporation, firm, association, authority, trust, state or government and vice versa;
- (c) a reference to any gender includes a reference to each other gender;
- (d) a reference to Distribution Service Charges payable in respect of a Shared Customer includes a reference to Distribution Service Charges that accrue, in relation to a User DP, whilst the Network User is the FRO for that User DP under the Retail Market Procedures;
- (e) a reference to a Shared Customer's premises is a reference to any premises in respect of which a Shared Customer has a contract with a Gas Retailer for the purchase of Gas or for which the Shared Customer has a customer connection contract under the National Energy Retail Law, whether or not those premises are owned or occupied by the Shared Customer;
- (f) where any expression is defined in the Agreement, another part of speech or grammatical form of that expression has a corresponding meaning;
- (g) clause headings, sub-clause headings and footnotes are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of the Agreement;
- (h) references to 'dollars' and '\$' are references to Australian dollars;

- (i) a reference to a law is a reference to the legislation and common law of any relevant jurisdiction;
- (j) a reference to any legislation includes a reference to subordinate legislation;
- (k) a reference to subordinate legislation includes a reference to any direction, rule, regulation, proclamation, code, notice, order or other instrument or document of any nature whatsoever issued pursuant to any legislation;
- (l) a reference to legislation (or any part of any legislation) includes that legislation (or part) as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (m) a reference to paragraphs, sub-clauses, clauses and schedules is a reference to sections, paragraphs, sub-clauses, clauses and schedules of and to the Agreement;
- (n) a reference to any agreement (including the Agreement) or instrument includes that agreement or instrument as amended, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time;
- (o) a reference to a party to the Agreement or any other document or arrangement includes that party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns;
- (p) where two or more parties make a joint covenant, undertaking, representation or warranty, the same will be construed to refer to each and bind each of such parties jointly and each of them severally; and
- (q) if either party is a partnership, a reference to that party is a reference to each partner severally and both partners jointly, the rights and obligations of that party are joint and several rights and obligations of the partners and any partner may exercise any right or discharge any obligation of the partners under the Agreement.

#### **42.2 [Not used]**

#### **42.3 Contra Proferens**

In the interpretation of the Agreement, no presumption will be made against any party on the grounds that the Agreement or any provision of it was drafted by that party or its counsel.

#### **42.4 Entire Agreement**

The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Network User and Multinet in relation to its subject matter. It supersedes all prior agreements, representations and understandings (except that, where Multinet and the Network User have agreed on terms in relation to a single specific User Delivery Point, those terms will continue to apply to the extent that they are inconsistent with the Agreement, unless stated otherwise). All implied warranties, terms and conditions are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

### **43. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

#### **43.1 GST included in price**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any amount payable to Multinet by the Network User in accordance with this section shall form part of the *price* payable by the Network User in respect of a *taxable supply* made to the Network User.

### 43.2 GST in respect of Taxable Supply

- (a) Where any *supply* by one party (“**the Supplier**”) to another party (“**the Recipient**”) under or in connection with the Agreement is a *taxable supply*, the Recipient must pay the Supplier any GST which is payable by the Supplier or, if the Supplier is a member of a *GST group*, by the *representative member* of that *GST group* on the *taxable supply*.
- (b) The GST on a *taxable supply* is the amount ascertained by multiplying the amount that would otherwise be payable under this Agreement in respect of the *taxable supply* if the GST payable were nil, by the prevailing rate of GST for that *taxable supply*.
- (c) The Recipient must pay the Supplier the GST on a taxable supply at the same time and in the same manner as the Recipient is required to pay any other amount to the Supplier in respect of that taxable supply. If no other amount is payable by the Recipient to the Supplier in respect of that taxable supply, the Recipient must pay the Supplier the GST on that taxable supply within 10 business days of the receipt by the Recipient of a valid tax invoice from the Supplier or, if the Supplier is a member of a GST group, from either the Supplier or the representative member of that GST group.
- (d) The Recipient must pay the GST on a *taxable supply* in full.

### 43.3 Adjustments

- (a) If an *adjustment event* has occurred in respect of a *supply* made pursuant to or in connection with the Agreement, the party that becomes aware of the *adjustment event* agrees to notify each other party on becoming aware of the *adjustment event*, and the parties agree to take whatever steps are necessary and to make whatever adjustments are required to ensure that any GST or additional GST on that *supply* or any refund of any GST (or part thereof) is paid as soon as is practicable but no later than 14 days after that notice is given.
- (b) If required by law, the Supplier will issue to the Recipient an *adjustment note* in respect of a *supply* that is subject to an *adjustment event* covered by paragraph (a) of this sub-clause. An *adjustment note* required by that paragraph will be issued no later than 14 days after the Supplier becomes aware of the *adjustment event*.

### 43.4 Definitions

In this section, all italicised terms except for *adjustment event* shall have the same meaning as they have from time to time in the GST Act.

In this section, “**adjustment event**” means an *adjustment event* for the purposes of the *GST Act* and includes any matter or thing that arises out of any error, any decision of any court in relation to the *GST Act* or a related Act, any ruling issued by the Commissioner of Taxation, any audit finding of the Commissioner of Taxation in respect of the tax affairs of the Supplier or the Recipient (or any related entity of the Supplier or the Recipient) or the settlement of any dispute (including a dispute with the Commissioner of Taxation).

In this section, a reference to the *GST Act* is a reference to the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

### 43.5 Reimbursements

If a party reimburses the other party for or in respect of any *creditable acquisition* or *creditable importation* made by that other party, the amount reimbursed shall be net of any *input tax credit* that relates to that *creditable acquisition* or *creditable importation* (as the case may be). If a party reimburses the other party for or in respect of any *acquisition*



that is not a *creditable acquisition* or for an *importation* that is a *taxable importation* but is not a *creditable importation* made by the other party, the amount to be reimbursed shall include any amount that relates to that *acquisition* or *importation* (as the case may be) which that other party (or, if that other party is a member of a *GST group*, the *representative member* of that *GST group*) is not entitled to claim as an *input tax credit*.

## Appendix 1

### Receipt Point Pressures

(refer clause 13)

| Meter Ref. | Receipt (Connection) Point               | Pressure Range |                |
|------------|--|----------------|----------------|
|            |  | Minimum (kPag) | Maximum (kPag) |
| M003       | Dandenong North 450 mm                   | 2,500          |                |
| M004       | Murrumbeena 300 mm to Highett            | 2,000          |                |
| M005       | Dandenong Terminal Station – Lurgi/150mm | 1,400          |                |
| M007       | DTS (Edithvale)                          | 2,650          |                |
| M012       | St Kilda                                 | 1,800          |                |
| M015       | Noble Park                               | 1,800          |                |
| M016       | Clayton                                  | 1,800          |                |
| M017       | Oakleigh                                 | 1,800          |                |
| M018       | Malvern 2,800 kPa                        | 1,800          |                |
| M019       | St Kilda East                            | 1,800          |                |
| M023       | Port Melbourne (Howe Pde)                | 1,600          |                |
| M024       | Port Melbourne (Lorimer Street)          | 1,600          |                |
| M034       | Gembrook                                 | 3,000          |                |
| M147       | Seville East                             | 3,000          |                |
| M148       | Yarra Glen                               | 3,000          |                |
| M162       | Yarra Glen/Lilydale                      | 3,000          |                |
| M119       | Templestow*                              | 1,600          |                |

\* Meters in common with other distribution companies are for emergency use only. They are normally in closed-valve operation.

## Appendix 2

### Undertaking<sup>1</sup>

(Sub-clause 27.3)

In this deed:

- (a) [\*\*\*\*\*] (ACN ... ..) is the retailer; and
- (b) Multinet Gas (DB No.1) Pty Ltd (ABN 66 086 026 986) and Multinet Gas (DB No.2) Pty Ltd (ABN 57 086 230 122) trading as Multinet Gas Distribution Partnership (ABN 53 634 214 009)<sup>2</sup> is the distributor; and
- (c) [\*\*\*\*\*] (ACN ... ..) is the Financial Institution.

The Financial Institution unconditionally undertakes to pay, on demand by the distributor, to the distributor any sum or sums up to a maximum aggregate of \$.....

The payment or payments are to be made forthwith and unconditionally, without reference to the retailer, and despite any instruction from the retailer not to make the payment or payments.

A demand for payment under this deed is to be made on behalf of the distributor by .....[*name of person authorised to act on behalf of the distributor*]

This deed is terminated if:

- (a) the distributor notifies the Financial Institution that it no longer requires the Financial Institution's undertaking; or
- (b) the Financial Institution pays to the distributor a sum or sums amounting to its maximum aggregate liability under this deed; or
- (c) the parties agree to terminate it.

Executed as a deed at ..... this day of ..... 20 ...

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<sup>1</sup> Where the Network User is not a Gas Retailer, replace "retailer" (wherever it appears) with "Network User"  
<sup>2</sup> Delete as appropriate.