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Dear Mr James

Re: Part 24 National Gas Rules exemption for Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap Service Line

Recently, AER staff have been in contact with you regarding the impending expiry of the Category 1 (no third party) exemption under Part 24 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) for the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap Service Line. You have confirmed that the circumstances through which the pipeline qualifies for this exemption have not changed.

The AER has determined to grant the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap Service Line a new Category 1 (no third party) Part 24 exemption, to take effect after the current exemption expires and apply for a period of five years to 1 March 2028.

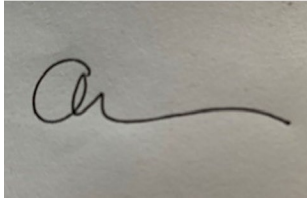
As set out in subrule 611(10) of Part 24 of the NGR, please notify the AER without delay if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for this exemption.

Subrule 611(9) of Part 24 requires the AER to establish, publish and maintain a register of Part 24 exemptions. The new exemption for the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap Service Line will be published on the Part 24 exemptions register on the AER's website after the current exemption expires.

As required by subrule 611(8) of the NGR, AER staff will contact the Australian Energy Market Operator to inform it of this determination.

Please contact Robert.Matton@aer.gov.au; 02 9290 1455, if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Gavin Fox
General Manager
Market Performance

Sent by email on: 21.12.2022