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Dear Antoni

Re: Part 24 exemptions – McArthur River Pipeline

I refer to your application dated 23 March 2019 seeking an exemption from Part 24 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) for the McArthur River Pipeline.

I note that the AER previously self-initiated a full Part 24 exemption for the McArthur River Pipeline (effective 11 January 2019). This decision was based on the August 2018 Part 23 exemption granted to the pipeline as a no third party facility. I understand that PWC incorrectly defined the pipeline as 'no third party' and that you are seeking an amendment to the Part 24 exemption. Your 23 March 2019 application seeks a variation to a Part 24 conditional exemption (category 2), classifying the McArthur River Pipeline as a single-user facility.

The AER has assessed the application and, on the basis of the information that you have provided, has determined to grant the McArthur River Pipeline a conditional exemption (category 2). This will expire on 1 March 2024.

As required by Rule 611(10), please notify the AER if circumstances change such that this facility no longer qualifies for the conditional exemption.

Rule 611(9) requires the AER to maintain a public register for Part 24 exemptions. The details for the McArthur River Pipeline will be amended to reflect its conditional exemption.

If you wish to discuss the content of this letter or have any questions, please contact Jeremy Llewellyn on (07) 3835 4610.

Yours sincerely

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