

**Revised Access Arrangement for
AGL Gas Networks**

June 2005

Further Final Decision

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BACKGROUND

In December 2003, AGL Gas Networks Limited (AGLGN) submitted proposed revisions to the current access arrangement and access arrangement information for its natural gas pipeline system in NSW to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (the Tribunal).

The Tribunal's final decision of 29 April 2005, which should be read in conjunction with this decision, required 40 amendments to be made to the proposed revised access arrangement (including changes to the proposed revised access arrangement information). On 10 June 2005, AGLGN submitted amended revisions to its access arrangement and access arrangement information. Corrigenda to the two documents were received on 16 and 20 June 2005.

APPROVAL

The Tribunal has considered AGLGN's proposed amended revisions to the access arrangement and access arrangement information submitted to the Tribunal on 10 June 2005 and the corrigenda submitted on 16 and 20 June 2005 under the requirements in the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems* (the Code).

Pursuant to section 2.41 of the Code, the Tribunal is satisfied that the amended revisions to the access arrangement submitted to the Tribunal by AGLGN on 10 June 2005 and the corrigendum submitted on 16 June 2005 either incorporate or substantially incorporate the amendments specified by the Tribunal or otherwise address to the Tribunal's satisfaction the matters the Tribunal identified in its final decision of 29 April 2005 as being the reasons for requiring the amendments specified in its final decision.

The Tribunal is satisfied that the revised access arrangement information submitted to the Tribunal on 10 June 2005 and the corrigendum to that access arrangement information submitted to the Tribunal on 20 June 2005 incorporate the changes specified by the Tribunal in its final decision of 29 April 2005 and otherwise meets the requirements of the sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the Code.

Consequently the Tribunal approves:

- the revised access arrangement for AGLGN's natural gas pipeline system in NSW submitted to the Tribunal by AGLGN on 10 June 2005, including the corrigendum submitted on 16 June 2005; and
- the revised access arrangement information for AGLGN's natural gas pipeline system in NSW submitted to the Tribunal by AGLGN on 10 June 2005, including the corrigendum submitted on 20 June 2005.

COMMENCEMENT DATE

The Tribunal has decided that revisions to the access arrangement for AGLGN's natural gas pipeline system in NSW will come into effect on 1 July 2005.

HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPROVED DOCUMENTS

Electronic copies of the approved access arrangement and access arrangement information will be available on the following website: www.agl.com.au

Any requests for a hard copy of the approved access arrangement and access arrangement information should be addressed to:

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DETAILED REASONS FOR DECISION

The Tribunal will shortly release a further document setting out a full explanation of its reasons for deciding to approve the access arrangement and access arrangement information.

TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal members who made this decision were Dr Michael Keating AC (Chairman), Mr James Cox (Chief Executive Officer and Full Time Member) and Ms Cristina Cifuentes (Member).

Sydney
23 June 2005