

10 March 2003

Dr T G Parry  
Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box Q290  
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Dear Dr Parry,

**APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO AGLGN ACCESS ARRANGEMENT  
– TIMING OF STATEMENT ON UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS LOSSES (UAG)**

Section 9.3 on the AGLGN Access Arrangement currently states that AGLGN must within two months after the end of each year of the Access Arrangement (AA) Period provide a statement in relation to UAG.

The nature of UAG is such that can only ever be estimated, and the best estimate for any given period will not be known until all billings in relation to that period have been calculated. As tariff customers are billed on a 90 day cycle, the best estimate of AGLGN's UAG for any period can not be calculated until 90 days after the close of that period.

As a consequence of the above the earliest that AGLGN could provide the information required by section 9.3 of the AA is four months after the end of each year of the AA Period.

AGLGN seeks an amendment to the AA under section 2.33 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems as the revision is not material and will not change Reference Tariffs or Reference Services

Yours sincerely,



**David Pringle**  
**Manager Regulatory Affairs Gas Networks**

For and on behalf of AGL Gas Networks Limited

Attachments: Applications for amendment of section 9.3 of the AGLGN AA

## **APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9.3 OF AGL GAS NETWORKS LTD ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR NSW GAS NETWORKS**

AGLGN propose the following amendment to section 9.3 of the AGL Gas Networks Access Arrangement for NSW Gas Networks to read:

"AGLGN will provide to the relevant regulator (within 4 months after 30 June in each year of the Access Arrangement period) a statement verified by an independent auditor engaged by AGLGN that contains, without limitation, the following information:

- (a) the actual level of UAG on AGLGN's Covered Pipelines
- (b) the UAG charged to Users; and
- (c) confirmation that UAG has been purchased by an open competitive tender each year.