



National Gas Amendment (NT Emergency gas supply arrangements) Rule 2019 No. 3

under the National Gas Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008 of South Australia;
- (b) the National Gas (ACT) Act 2008 of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the National Gas (New South Wales) Act 2000 of New South Wales;
- (d) the National Gas (Queensland) Act 2008 of Queensland;
- (e) the National Gas (Tasmania) Act 2008 of Tasmania;
- (f) the National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 of Victoria;
- (g) the National Gas (Northern Territory) Act 2008 of Northern Territory; and
- (h) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Gas Law.

John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *Draft National Gas Amendment (NT Emergency gas supply arrangements) Rule 2019 No. 3*.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences operation on 15 August 2019.

3 Amendment to the National Gas Rules

The National Gas Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Gas Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] New rule 143A Application to specified NT facilities after the NT application date

After rule 143, insert:

143A Application to specified NT facilities after the NT application date

(1) For the purposes of this rule 143A:

BB application event means an event specified under subrule (5).

BB application notice means a notice issued by the AER under subrule (4).

emergency gas flow notice means a notice from PWC to the AER that includes the information specified in subrule (8).

emergency gas supply test means the supply of natural gas from an exempt NT facility to a WPP connection point to test the emergency gas flow facilities of that exempt NT facility.

exempt NT facility means a BB facility upstream of any WPP connection point.

exempt NT facility operator means a person in the capacity of facility operator of an exempt NT facility.

gas supply outage means an interruption to the supply of natural gas from a natural gas facility in the Northern Territory.

PWC means Power and Water Corporation ABN 15 947 352 360, or any successor to its business.

Wickham Point Pipeline means the lateral transmission pipeline called the Wickham Point Pipeline as described in the pipeline register maintained by the AEMC under Part 15 of these rules.

WPP connection points means the following receipt and delivery points:

- (a) Bladdin Point Exit DS on the Wickham Point Pipeline;
- (b) Wickham Point Entry DS Receipt Point, located at the letdown station operated by PWC between the Wickham Point Pipeline and a lateral pipeline operated by Darwin LNG; and
- (c) any other receipt or delivery point on the Wickham Point Pipeline that allows for the flow of natural gas between the Wickham Point Pipeline and either the Ichthys LNG or Darwin LNG facilities.

(2) This Part does not apply in respect of:

- (a) a BB facility that is an exempt NT facility; or

- (b) an exempt NT facility operator,
until the date specified in a BB application notice to an exempt NT facility operator in respect of one or more exempt NT facilities.
- (3) This Part applies to a former exempt NT facility and former exempt NT facility operator as if each reference in Division 3 to the Part 18 replacement date were a reference to the date specified in a BB application notice issued to a former exempt NT facility operator in respect of one or more former exempt NT facilities.
- (4) The AER may, but is not required to, issue a BB application notice to an exempt NT facility operator in respect of one or more exempt NT facilities if the AER is satisfied that one or more of the BB application events has occurred having regard to any relevant emergency gas flow notices and any other information the AER considers relevant.
- (5) For the purposes of subrule (4), BB application event means:
 - (a) natural gas was withdrawn from the Wickham Point Pipeline through a WPP connection point for delivery to either the Ichthys LNG or Darwin LNG facilities on a gas day after the gas day that ends on 31 December 2019;
 - (b) natural gas was injected into the Wickham Point Pipeline through a WPP connection point on a gas day when there was no gas supply outage (planned or unplanned) or emergency gas supply test; or
 - (c) natural gas was injected into the Wickham Point Pipeline through a WPP connection point on a gas day when there was a gas supply outage (planned or unplanned) or emergency gas supply test but:
 - (i) in the case of a gas supply outage, the volume of natural gas injected into the Wickham Point Pipeline through a WPP connection point on the gas day was more than reasonably required to replace the volume of natural gas interrupted on the gas day as a result of the gas supply outage; and/or
 - (ii) the duration over which natural gas was injected into the Wickham Point Pipeline through a WPP connection point was materially greater than the duration of the gas supply outage or emergency gas supply test (as applicable).
- (6) A BB application notice must:
 - (a) include:
 - (i) the date from which this Part will apply to an exempt NT facility operator in respect of one or more exempt NT facilities; and
 - (ii) the AER's reason for issuing the BB application notice under subrule (4); and

- (b) be published by the AER.
- (7) If on a gas day, natural gas is injected at a WPP connection point then, within 10 business days of that gas day (or if gas flowed on consecutive days, the last gas day of those consecutive gas days), PWC must provide an emergency gas flow notice to the AER.
- (8) An emergency gas flow notice must include:
- (a) each WPP connection point through which gas was injected into the Wickham Point Pipeline or withdrawn from the Wickham Point Pipeline on the gas days covered by the notice;
 - (b) in the case of a gas supply outage, whether the outage was planned or unplanned;
 - (c) the reason for the gas supply outage or emergency gas supply test (as applicable);
 - (d) in the case of a gas supply outage, the extent of the outage in terms of its impact on the amount of gas that could be withdrawn from facilities used to deliver natural gas to PWC, including which facilities were impacted on the gas day; and
 - (e) the duration of the gas supply outage or emergency gas supply test (as applicable).
- (9) An emergency gas flow notice must be signed by an authorised officer of PWC.

[END OF RULE AS MADE]
