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22 August 2025

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Director, NT Gas Distribution Pty Ltd
Level 25, 580 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Rollason,

Re: Applications under Part 10 of the NGR – Darwin Distribution System and Darwin to Berrimah transmission pipeline

I refer to the following applications under Part 10 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) from NT Gas Distribution Pty Ltd. These applications were received by the AER on 30 June 2025.

- An application to vary the Category 2 exemption originally granted to Darwin Distribution System on 13 December 2017.
- An application seeking a Category 2 exemption for Darwin to Berrimah transmission pipeline on the basis that it has a nameplate rating of less than 10 terajoules per day.

Pursuant to the delegation given to me by the AER Board, I have assessed the applications and supporting information and have determined to:

- vary NT Gas Distribution Pty Ltd.'s Category 2 exemption under Part 10 of the NGR for the Darwin Distribution System to exclude Darwin to Berrimah transmission pipeline.
 - This follows our advice to NT Gas Distribution Pty Ltd. that distribution pipelines and transmission pipelines must be treated as separate pipelines as these classifications are defined in the National Gas Law (NGL) and the distinction has implications in both NGL and NGR, including Part 10 of the NGR.¹
 - This variation is in effect from the date of this letter i.e., 22 August 2025. This variation has no effect on the expiry date of the exemption granted to Darwin Distribution System i.e., the exemption will still expire on 12 December 2027.
- grant an exemption under Category 2 of Part 10 of the NGR for the Darwin to Berrimah transmission pipeline. This exemption is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter i.e., until 22 August 2030.

As required by NGR rule 102(7), please notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipelines no longer qualify for the exemption.

¹ NGR, r. 102E (3).

Rule 102(6) requires the AER to maintain a public register of Part 10 exemptions. Barring personal information, details in your submitted Part 10 application forms and responses in your emails may be published on the register along with this response.

Please contact [REDACTED] if we can assist further.

Yours sincerely

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Executive General Manager,
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Sent by email on: 22.08.2025