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### **Release of the National Framework for the Connection of Retail Customers to Natural Gas Distribution Networks**

The Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) today released the National Framework for the Connection of Retail Customers to Natural Gas Distribution Networks (the Gas Connections Framework) draft policy position for public comment. SCO notes this policy position has not yet been considered by the MCE.

The Gas Connections Framework is a component of the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF) and provides the gas rules for the NECF's obligation to connect. It will be released as part of the NECF second exposure draft.

A workshop on the Gas Connections Framework will be held in **Melbourne** on **Wednesday 9 September 2009** at **Karstens at CQ, 123 Queens St**, from **10am-1pm**. This workshop will be followed by a light lunch. Stakeholders wishing to attend are asked to register their interest with the MCE Secretariat by **Monday 7 September 2009** via the following email address: [MCETMarketReform@ret.gov.au](mailto:MCETMarketReform@ret.gov.au).

Stakeholders who wish to make written submissions are requested to do so by close of business **Friday 18 September 2009**. The MCE notes there will be further opportunity for comment upon release of the NECF second exposure draft later this year.

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Submissions will be published on the MCE website. If you do not wish for your submission to be made publicly available please clearly state this in a covering email.

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