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Economic Regulatory Package for Gas

The Ministerial Council on Energy's Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) is pleased to announce the release of:

- the second exposure draft of the National Gas Law (NGL)
- the second exposure draft of National Gas Rules (NGR)
- explanatory documents on the NGL and NGR

The SCO response to matters raised in the first round of public consultation on the NGL and NGR is the basis for the amendments to this package. To understand the nature and extent of amendments please also refer to the explanatory documents released with this package.

SCO will be meeting shortly with industry associations, peak bodies and regulators for intensive consultation on the technical drafting aspects of this package (refer Attachment A for the list of industry associations). The NGL will be used as the basis for discussion of provisions that are common to both the NGL and National Electricity Law. SCO is moving to finalise this package for introduction into the South Australian Parliament in September 2007.

The second exposure draft of the National Electricity Law will follow shortly.

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ATTACHMENT A

Industry Associations, peak bodies and regulators

Australian Pipeline Industry Association
Electricity Supply Association of Australia
Energy Networks Australia
National Generators Forum
Electricity Transmission Network Owners Forum
Energy Retailers Association of Australia
Major Energy Users
Energy Users Association of Australia
Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre
Consumer Action Law Centre
Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Australian Energy Regulator
Economic Regulation Authority of Western Australia
Australian Energy Market Commission
National Competition Council