

**Gas Market Leaders Group**  
**Synopsis of Thirteenth Meeting – 9 September 2008**

The thirteenth meeting of the Gas Market Leaders Group (GMLG) was held via teleconference on 9 September 2008. The meeting focussed on the Short Term Trading Market (STTM) project. Major STTM-related issues considered at the meeting were as follows:

**1. STTM Establishment Project Status**

The GMLG was provided with an update on the STTM project establishment. Members noted that the STTM project is generally on track. However, the requirement to meet the target date of 2010 will be re-assessed at its October 2008 meeting.

The GMLG recorded its appreciation to the STTM Steering Committee and the STTM Working Group for their excellent work to date.

**2. Market Operator Services**

The GMLG endorsed the STTM Steering Committee's proposals to simplify Market Operator services. Instead of actively contracting with pipeline operators for the balancing services required to manage daily market imbalances, the Market Operator would tender for the provision of such services.

**3. Market Clearing Logic**

The GMLG endorsed the STTM Steering Committee's proposals on Market Clearing Logic, noting that it is not intended to proceed with the 'all on/all off' bid feature.

**4. Capacity Payment Design**

The GMLG endorsed the STTM Steering Committee's proposal for capacity payments, to ensure consistent prices and an allocation with effective ex-ante and ex-post incentives.

**5. Upcoming STTM issues**

The GMLG noted a number of high level issues which the Group will consider in more detail at its October meeting, including emergency gas, demand forecasting and system security, market timings, market operator services and inclusion of the ACT in the STTM.

Members confirmed the next meeting dates:

- Friday 17 October 2008 (face to face meeting - Melbourne);
- Wednesday 19 November 2008 (teleconference); and
- Wednesday 17 December 2008 (face to face meeting - Melbourne).