

PART 10 (PRESCRIBED TRANSPARENCY INFORMATION)

EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM

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Instructions

If the pipeline is owned, controlled or operated by a joint venture, please provide an attachment with the legal names and ACN / ABN for each of the entities involved.

Documents required to obtain a Part 10 (Prescribed transparency information) Exemption:

1. Complete Parts A, B and E of this form for new applications.
2. If the application is made by an authorised agent, proof of authority for the agent to act on behalf of named applicants.
3. Attach any additional information/documents that you consider substantiate that the pipeline meets the criteria for the exemption. This should include any information or documents required under any Exemption Guideline published by the AER and in force at the time of application.

If you are the service provider of a non-scheme pipeline that has been previously granted an exemption by the AER under Part 23 of the National Gas Rules (NGR), you will need to apply for a new exemption under Part 10 of the NGR before your exemption under Part 23 expires.

If a pipeline has been previously granted an exemption by the AER and would like the conditions of the exemption to be varied, complete Parts A, C and E of this form.

If a pipeline has been previously granted an exemption by the AER and would like the exemption to be revoked, complete Parts A, D and E of this form.

Applications marked attention Pipeline Administrator, can be submitted:

- electronically to AERnonschemeexemptions@aer.gov.au
- by post to GPO Box 3131, Canberra, ACT 2601

Dissemination of data provided

Data provided in Parts A, B, C and D together with any appendices and attachments will be included on the AER's public register. Part E will not be made public.

The entire application (Parts A, B, C, D and E) together with any appendices and attachments will be kept on file with the AER, including for the purposes of its gas scheme register.

If you have any concerns about information which is to be published on the public register, please contact the AER.

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Part A: Common Information

<i>This information will be included in the AER's public register.</i>	
APPLICANT(S) – Service Provider	
Legal Name <i>(if pipeline owned, controlled or operated by a joint venture, please also list all parties to the joint venture in an attachment)</i>	ACN / ABN
Tas Gas Networks Pty Ltd	91 104 499 569
Trading Name <i>(if different to Legal Name)</i>	
Registered Postal Address	
5 Kiln Court, St Leonards TAS 7250	
Normal Business Activity	
Natural gas transmission pipeline owner and operator	
PIPELINE SUBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION	
Pipeline Name	Licence Number <i>(if applicable, attach copy of licence)</i>
Ulverstone Pipeline	See Attachment 1
Current Ownership <i>(if a JV provide an attachment with list of entities)</i>	Transmission or Distribution?
100% owned by Tas Gas Networks Pty Ltd (TGN)	Transmission
Location <i>(provide map of location as attachment)</i>	
See Attachment 2	
Data below this point in this Part is not required for Application to Revoke Exemption	
Construction Details	Length and Diameter
2011	3.4Km and 6" or 150mm NB
Ownership History	Nameplate rating <i>(if transmission pipeline)</i> or Maximum daily capacity <i>(if distribution pipeline)</i>
TGN is owned by Solstice Energy Holdings Pty Ltd (previously Tas Gas Holdings Pty Ltd), which changed its name 8/12/2023)	12.5TJ
Description <i>(consistent with licence, if applicable)</i>	
Pipeline for the conveyance of natural gas from the Ulverstone Offtake Facility	

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Part B: New Part 10 exemption information

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CLASS OF EXEMPTION			
There are 2 categories of exemption:			
Category 1: exemption from the obligation to publish information under Division 2 Subdivision 2 Part 10 of NGR and exemption from the obligation to publish a user access guide (rule 105C(8) Part 11 of NGR) in relation to the pipeline.			
Category 2: exemption from the obligations to publish financial information, historical demand information and a cost allocation methodology under Rule 101D Part 10 of NGR.			
Exemption(s) sought (<i>can be more than one</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply: a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day; b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.		
Have you previously applied for an exemption in relation to this pipeline (including under Part 23 of NGR)?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If Yes, date of AER letter in response to application			3 January 2024
Any further details and/or list of supporting documents (attached) pertaining to this application:			
<p>TGN held a Category 3 exemption under Part 23 of the NGR on the basis the network met the criteria under the former Part 23 of the NGR of 'average daily injection of natural gas into the pipeline of under 10TJ/day'. At that time, the Ulverstone pipeline was treated as a part of the TGN distribution network based on the pipeline configuration. This exemption was renewed on 30 November 2022 and then revoked by consent on 3 January 2024 as the maximum daily capacity exceeded 10TJ/day as permitted under Category 2 of Part 10 of the NGR. On 12 March 2024, the AER formed a view that, for the purposes of Rule 101B(4)(a) of the NGR, the Ulverstone Pipeline could not be considered a part of the TGN distribution network.</p> <p>The basis of this Application is that the Ulverstone Pipeline is a "single user" pipeline as the pipeline is (a) a third party access pipeline and (b) all pipeline services provided by means of the pipeline are provided to a single user. The Ulverstone Pipeline was designed and constructed at the request of [REDACTED]. The pipeline is 3.4km in length and was built rated to transmission pipeline specifications due to the requirements of the single user, being [REDACTED]. Attachment 3 shows the TGN Transmission Pipeline from the Tasmanian Gas Pipeline (TGP) to the [REDACTED] Meter Facility, with the location of the TGN meter to [REDACTED] for their supply only. Attachment 3 also shows that a small lateral TGN Distribution Network, being approximately 30 residential customers and 1 small business customer, is formed off the [REDACTED] Meter Facility. For the 2023-24 financial year, 99.85% of all gas transferred by the TGN Ulverstone Gate to the [REDACTED] Meter Facility was for consumption at the [REDACTED] Factory.</p>			
I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
I declare I will notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Part C: Variation of condition of existing exemption

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Do you have a current exemption granted under Part 10? Variations can only be made to existing exemptions which have been granted under Part 10. A service provider granted an exemption under Part 23 cannot use Part C to vary their exemption under Part 23 to an exemption under Part 10.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
		If Yes, date of AER approval	
Relevant exemption category or categories (<i>can be more than one</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply: a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day; b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.		
Detail relevant existing condition(s), or alternatively attach document setting out conditions			
Reason(s) why the condition(s) should be varied and the proposed variation. Alternatively attach document with this information.			
Additional Comments			
I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
I declare I will notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Part D: Revocation of existing exemption

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Date of AER approval	
Relevant exemption category or categories (<i>can be more than one</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 1: The pipeline is not a third-party access pipeline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 2: The pipeline is a single user pipeline or the following criteria apply: a) in the case of a transmission pipeline – the nameplate rating of the pipeline is less than 10 TJ/day; b) in the case of a distribution pipeline – the maximum daily capacity of the pipeline under normal operating conditions is less than 10 TJ/day.
Explain why the exemption should be revoked	
Additional Comments	
I confirm that I have attached all supporting documents to this application; if no, explain	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

