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The Australian Energy Regulator
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Re: Request for AEMC input on the classification decision of Atlas to Reedy Creek Pipeline

I refer to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER)'s request, dated 21 February 2025, seeking input from the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) regarding whether the Atlas to Reedy Creek Pipeline (ARCP) should be classified as a transmission or distribution pipeline. This is to assist the AER in fulfilling its obligations under rule 29F(3) of the NGR.

Having considered the ARC Pipeline Pty Ltd (the applicant) application to the AER and public information about the pipeline, we consider that the pipeline appears to have features consistent with transmission pipelines, and this would be the preferable classification.

In forming this opinion, we observe that:

- the applicant considers this pipeline to be a transmission pipeline
- the capacity is measured at 189 TJ/day and the diameter is DN300
- the pipeline has been granted a pipeline licence under the relevant Queensland legislation, and pipeline licensing is confined to transmission pipelines
- ARCP is a high-pressure pipeline that will be used to convey natural gas from a processing facility for approximately 56km to the connecting Reedy Creek to Wallumbilla Pipeline
- the bidirectional pipeline is considered part of the network of transmission pipelines that convey gas to the east coast gas markets
- the pipeline does not reticulate gas within a market (which is the primary function of a distribution pipeline (s13 (1) of the NGL)).

Pursuant to section 117 of the NGL, an application for classification of a pipeline would not be required if the pipeline is classified as a distribution or transmission pipeline under a licence or authorisation under jurisdictional gas legislation. With the objective of minimising regulatory burden, we would encourage that licences or authorisations explicitly state this classification in future where possible.

Thank you for including the AEMC in your consultation on the classification of ARCP. We ask that the AER provide a copy of the decision so that we can update the pipeline register.

Yours sincerely,

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