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Subject: Re: Request for input from AEMO – AER's classification of the Atlas to Reedy Creek Pipeline (ARCP) [SEC-OFFICIAL]
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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see AEMO's response below.

- Whether, in your opinion, the AER should classify the Atlas to Reedy Creek Pipeline (ARCP) (or any part(s) thereof) as a transmission or distribution pipeline? *Please provide reasons.*

AEMO considers that the ARCP should be classified as a transmission pipeline, consistent with its existing registration in the AEMO Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) which applies to transmission and not distribution pipelines. The ARCP has the following characteristics of a transmission pipeline:

- The ARCP functions as a high-pressure pipeline moving gas from the Atlas Gas Processing Facility to the transmission network.
- It does not directly supply small customers or distribution customers.

- Are there any factors that you are aware of, that are not raised in ARC Pipeline Pty Ltd's application, that would impact the AER's classification decision?

N/A

- Do you see any potential immediate or longer-term flow-on effects of classifying the ARCP (or any part(s) thereof) as a transmission or distribution pipeline?

AER classification of the ARCP as a transmission pipeline will ensure immediate alignment with the existing gas market frameworks which include its interaction with the wholesale gas markets and registration on the GBB.

Longer term effects of a transmission classification include greater flexibility for future expansion of the pipeline should additional capacity be required, and facilitation of additional transportation arrangements such as third-party access.

- Do you have any other comments that you would like the AER to have regard to when making its classification decision?

N/A

Kind regards,

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