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25 May 2026

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General Manager, Regulation and External Policy
APA Group Pty Ltd
Level 10, 121 Castlereagh Street
Sydney NSW, 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Part 24 National Gas Rules exemption for Darwin City Gate to Berrimah Pipeline

I refer to the application received on 26 March 2026 from N.T. Gas Distribution Pty limited (APA Group), seeking an exemption from Part 24 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) for its Darwin City Gate to Berrimah Pipeline (DCGBP).

The AER has assessed your application and, based on the information that you have provided, has determined to grant APA Group an exemption for the DCGBP under subrule 611(1) of Part 24 of the NGR on the basis that its nameplate capacity is less than 10 terajoules per day. The exemption will take effect on 25 May 2026 and expire on 22 August 2030.

In accordance with subrule 611(10) of Part 24 of the NGR, APA Group must notify the AER without delay if circumstances change such that this facility no longer qualifies for the Part 24 exemption. The criteria through which a facility is eligible for exemption are provided at subrule 611(3) of Part 24 of the NGR. Other circumstances that APA Group should consider that may impact a current exemption include facility ownership change and temporary or periodic secondary gas shipper activity on a transportation facility.

APA Group should ensure it has arrangements in place to be aware of the pending expiry date for any exemptions granted to it by the AER, so that it can either reapply for an exemption prior to expiry or otherwise ensure it has arrangements in place to comply with the relevant obligations.

Subrule 611(9) of Part 24 of the NGR requires the AER to establish, publish and maintain a register of Part 24 exemptions. The new exemption for DCGBP will be published on the Part 24 exemptions register on the [AER's website](#).

As required by subrule 611(8) of Part 24 of the NGR, AER staff will contact the Australian Energy Market Operator to inform it of this determination.

Please contact [REDACTED] if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Executive General Manager
Compliance, Enforcement and Surveillance
Australian Energy Regulator

Sent by email on: 25.05.2026