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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see AEMO's response below. We are comfortable with the AER publishing AEMO's response on the AER website.

- Whether, in your opinion, the AER should classify the Sturt Plateau (or any part(s) thereof) as a transmission or distribution pipeline? *Please provide reasons.*

AEMO considers that the Sturt Plateau Pipeline (SPP) should be classified as a transmission pipeline given it has the following characteristics of a transmission pipeline:

- The SPP would function as a high-pressure pipeline moving gas from the Tamboran Gas Production Facility to the transmission network.
- The SPP's diameter and pressure characteristics is consistent with a transmission pipeline rather than a distribution pipeline.
- It is not intended to provide direct supply to small customers or distribution customers.
- Is the primary function of the Sturt Plateau Pipeline to reticulate gas within a market or to convey gas to a market? *Please provide reasons.*

As above, the primary function of the SPP will be to convey gas to a market.

- Are there any factors that you are aware of, that are not raised in APA SPP Pty Ltd's application, that would impact the AER's classification decision? Please provide reasons.

N/A

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

AER classification of the SPP as a transmission pipeline would ensure alignment from commencement with the appropriate regulatory frameworks.

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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Dear [REDACTED]

The AER seeks AEMO's views as to whether the Sturt Plateau Pipeline, located in the Northern Territory, and owned and operated by APA SPP Pty Ltd, should be classified as a transmission or distribution pipeline.

Please refer to the attached letter for further information.

We ask that you provide a written response by replying to this email by **COB Monday, 23 March 2026**. Please also let us know if you are comfortable with the AER publishing AEMO's response on the AER website (personal details will be redacted).

We kindly ask that you confirm receipt of this email.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you and regards,

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