Our Reference #80,074,262
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6 November 2026

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General Manager, Economic 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 Sturt Plateau Pipeline

I refer to the application received on 24 September 2026 from APA SPP Pty limited (APA Group), seeking an exemption from Part 24 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) for its Sturt Plateau Pipeline (SPP).

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 SPP under subrule 611(1) of Part 24 of the NGR on the basis that the pipeline is a single user facility as defined by subrule 611(4)(b) of the NGR. The exemption will take effect from the date of this letter and expire on 31 March 2031.

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 SPP 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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Executive General Manager
Compliance, Enforcement and Surveillance
Australian Energy Regulator
Sent by email on: 06.11.2026