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Dear Mr Livens

Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System further extension of the lodgement date for revisions to the access arrangement

I refer to your letter of 27 October 2005 seeking an extension of time from 16 January 2006 to 27 March 2006 for the lodgement of proposed revisions to the access arrangement for the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System (MAPS). These revisions are to be submitted by Epic Energy South Australia Pty Ltd (EESA) under section 2.28 of the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems (Code). The Commission approved a request by EESA in April 2005 to extend the lodgement date from 1 July 2005 until 1 October 2005 and in September 2005 it granted a further extension until 16 January 2006.

On 16 November 2005, the Commission decided, in accordance with section 7.19 of the Code, to grant a further extension until 27 March 2006. This would provide additional time equivalent to the delays that have occurred to date in the coverage assessment currently being conducted by the National Competition Council (NCC) with respect to the MAPS.

The following matters were important to this decision:

- EESA's undertaking that it will commence the work required to prepare the revisions if the NCC makes a final recommendation to the Minister not to revoke coverage.
- The expectation that EESA would have sufficient time to develop and submit its revisions (in the event that the final recommendation is not to revoke coverage) if there are no further delays in the coverage assessment process.
- The information provided by EESA concerning the time and expense that it would incur in preparing the revisions; the continued operation of the access arrangement during the period of extension; and the lack of prejudice to third parties.

Yours sincerely

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