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Revisions to the Roma to Brisbane Pipeline access arrangement – application for extension of time for lodgement

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is seeking comments from interested parties on an application by APT Petroleum Pipeline Ltd (APTPP) to defer lodgement of revisions to its access arrangement for the Roma to Brisbane Pipeline (RBP).

The ACCC approved the access arrangement pursuant to the terms of the *National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline System* (Code) on 11 September 2002. APTPP is currently due to lodge its revisions by 31 January 2006.

On 14 June 2005, APTPP requested that the ACCC approve an extension of time under section 7.19 of the Code for its lodgement of revisions until six months after the Federal Court releases its decision consequent to the ACCC's appeal of the Australian Competition Tribunal's determination regarding the Moomba to Sydney Pipeline access arrangement.

APTPP states that the major reason for its application is the appeal before the Federal Court. It notes that the outcome of that process is expected to influence the content and evaluation of the revised RBP access arrangement, particularly with respect to the derivation of the initial capital base. I have enclosed a copy of APTPP's application for your information.

The ACCC is seeking submissions from interested parties on any matters relevant to APTPP's application. It will take these into consideration when deciding whether to approve the extension of time for lodgement.

Submissions will be made available from the ACCC's website (www.accc.gov.au). Submissions should be supplied in electronic format compatible with Microsoft Word to michael.walsh@acc.gov.au by 12 July 2005. In addition, one original signed document should be mailed to the postal address below. Any information considered to be of a confidential nature should be clearly marked as such, and the reasons for seeking confidentiality should be provided. Under the terms of the Code, the ACCC must not

disclose such information unless it is of the opinion that disclosure would not be unduly harmful to the legitimate business interests of the service provider, a user or prospective user.

Please forward hard copies of submissions to:

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Should you have any queries in regard to this matter please contact Michael Walsh on (02) 9230 9156.

Yours sincerely

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