



DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

Decision

The AER approves the following variations to Central Ranges Pty Limited's (CRP's) amended CTP access arrangement for the Tamworth Distribution Network:

1. Section 3.4A

Replacement of table 3.4A in the recently amended access arrangement to reflect GST exclusive values:

Transportation Reference Service	Charge in \$/GJ (1 September 2008 dollars) exclusive of GST
Special Contract Transportation Service	0.05
Contract Transportation Service	1.37
I&C Transportation Service	1.72
Domestic Transportation Service	4.00

2. Section 3 Reference tariffs, Part 3A – Reference Tariffs for Services, first sentence of the second paragraph is amended as:

“The Reference Tariffs shown in Sections 3.1 and 3.4A are exclusive of GST.”

Date of effect of the amendment

10 October 2008

Statement of Reasons

Background

CRP is the owner and operator of the CRP network centred on the supply of gas to Tamworth. The distribution access arrangement is identified as a competitive tender access arrangement, due to expire (its revisions commencement date) on 1 July 2019.

On 21 July 2008, CRP proposed an amendment to its distribution access arrangement under rule 27(5) of the National Gas Rules (NGR). In its decision, the AER approved the proposed amendments to include clauses 3.4A and 3.5A of the distribution access arrangement, but did not approve the proposed amendment to clause 3.4 of the distribution access arrangement as annexed to the AER's decision. The AER's decision and the relevant documentation regarding the amendments can be found on the AER's website: www.aer.gov.au.

On 29 August 2008, CRP informed the AER that there were minor inconsistencies in this recently approved amendment to its approved CTP access arrangement for the Tamworth Distribution Network that had been carried over from the access arrangement approved by IPART.

On 27 September 2008, CRP then submitted a proposal to amend the CTP access arrangement for the Tamworth Distribution Network, to correct for these inconsistencies.

Reasons

The changes to the CRP amended CTP access arrangement for the Tamworth Distribution Network are in the nature of correcting a misdescription in table 3.4A and improving clarity about whether a charge is GST inclusive or exclusive. The replacement of table 3.4A and the augmented wording seeks to reflect the intent of the access arrangement as approved by IPART for these misdescriptions.