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Overview

Multinet Gas Networks (MGN) is required to respond to the 2023 - 2028 Access Arrangement (AA) Regulatory Information Notice (RIN) issued by the Australian Energy Regulator on 8 March 2022 for its Victorian gas distribution networks under the National Gas Law (NGL) with information relating to regulatory years from 2023/24 to 2027/28.

This document, and its associated attachments, set out MGN's RIN responses. The document is structured to mirror the structure of the RIN, as follows:

- Schedule 1 General Requirements
- Schedule 2 Reset Information
- Schedule 3 Historical Information
- Schedule 4 Prepare and Maintain Information
- Appendix E Instructions

MGN's RIN documents and templates are included and summarised in below Table.

Table: AA RIN Attachments

RIN Document Number	Name
Attachment 1	Written Response
Attachment 2	Basis of Preparation
Attachment 3	Workbook 1 – Forecast Data (Consolidated information - Confidential)
Attachment 4	Workbook 1 – Forecast Data (Consolidated information - Public)
Attachment 5	Workbook 2 – Historical Data (Consolidated information - Confidential)
Attachment 6	Workbook 2 – Historical Data (Consolidated information - Public)
Attachment 7	Workbook 2 - Historical Data (Actual Information - Confidential)
Attachment 8	Workbook 2 – Historical Data (Actual Information – Public)
Attachment 9	Workbook 2 – Historical Data (Estimated Information - Confidential)
Attachment 10	Workbook 2 – Historical Data (Estimated Information - Public)
Attachment 11	Workbook 3 – Efficiency Carryover Mechanism (Consolidated information - Public)
Attachment 12	Workbook 4 – Bill Impacts (Consolidated information – Public)
Attachment 13	Workbook 6 – Capital expenditure sharing scheme model (Consolidated information – Public)
Attachment 14	Workbook 6 – Capital expenditure sharing scheme model (Actual information – Public)
Attachment 15	Workbook 6 – Capital expenditure sharing scheme model (Estimated information – Public)
Attachment 16	Document Index
Attachment 17	Confidentiality Claims
Attachment 18	Audit opinions (Confidential)

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Attachment 19	Audit opinions (Public)
Attachment 20	Statutory Declaration (Public)
Attachment 21	Statutory Declaration (Confidential)
Supporting documents	Includes policies, models, reports, analyses, plans and certifications.

This RIN responses should be read in conjunction with MGN's 2023-2028 Final Plan. MGN's Final Plan consists of the Plan as well as the associated attachments.

1. Schedule 1 – General Requirements

1.1 General

Requirement		ent	Response	
1. Provide Information		Information		
1.1			The regulatory templates have been populated in accordance with the requirements of the RIN. Please refer to RIN Attachments 3 -15.	
	(a)	this <i>notice</i> ; and		
	(b)	the instructions in Appendix E.		
1.2	1.2 For all information, other than <i>forecast information</i> , provide in accordance with this notice and the instructions in <i>Appendix E</i> , a <i>basis of preparation</i> demonstrating how the pipeline service provider has complied with this <i>notice</i> with respect to the information provided in each of the <i>regulatory templates</i> .		Refer to the Basis of Preparation document provided in RIN Attachment 2.	
1.3	.3 Where changes to the methodology for the allocation of costs have been made within the <i>current access arrangement period</i> , explain the changes and the effect of each change to the information reported in response to this notice.		There have been no changes to the methodology for the allocation of costs from a regulatory perspective within the current access arrangement period.	
1.4		de material used for the purposes of preparing the access	MGN's Access Arrangement Proposal (Final Plan) includes:	
	arrangement proposal including:		(a) All consultants' reports relied on to develop MGN's AA proposal are	
	(a)	all consultants' reports commissioned and relied upon in whole or in part;	included. Please refer to RIN Attachment 16;	
	(b)	all <i>material</i> assumptions relied upon;	(b) A description of all material assumptions has been provided in response to clause 1.5;	
	(c)	a table that references each response to a paragraph in Schedule 2 of this <i>notice</i> and where it is provided in or	(c) This document includes a table of reference between Schedule 2 of the RIN and the AA proposal. Please refer to <i>Schedule 2 – Reset Information</i> .	
		as part of the access arrangement proposal;	(d) A table of reference explaining the relationship between all documents submitted as part of AA proposal is included in the RIN Attachment 16.	

Response Requirement a table that references each *document* provided in or as (d) (e) Please refer to the RIN Attachment 16. This table also includes the filename part of the access arrangement proposal and its required by the RIN. relationship to other documents provided; and each document identified in paragraph 1.4(d) must be given a meaningful filename in the form: [pipeline service provider] - [Author] - [title] - [date] -[public/confidential], where: **Author** is the author of the file which if not the pipeline service provider may be, for example, a consultant or other third party; Title provides a meaningful description of the content of document, with limited reliance on acronyms or cross references, for example "Appendix 1A" is not meaningful, but "Appendix 1A – Cost allocation method" is: **Date** is a relevant date associated with the file, generally the date the document was created; Public/confidential identifies if the file in its entirety can be published (public); or if it contains any information which is the subject of a claim for confidentiality in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Schedule (confidential). Material assumptions in relation to operating expenditure (opex) and capital Provide for each *material* assumption identified in the response expenditure (capex) are identified in the response to clause 5.1 of Schedule 1. to paragraph 1.4(b): its source or basis; (a) if applicable, its quantum; whether, and how, the assumption has been applied

and was taken into account: and

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	(d)	and	effect or impact of the assumption on the <i>capital</i> operating expenditure forecasts in the <i>next access</i> in the next access in	
		(i)	the actual expenditure incurred during the current access arrangement period; and	
		(ii)	the sensitivity of the forecast expenditure to the assumption.	
2. 0	Confide	ntial li	nformation	
2.1			e applies to any information the <i>pipeline service</i> ovides:	MGN has applied clause 2.1 as required.
	(a)	in re	sponse to Schedules 1, 2 and 3;	
	(b)		n access arrangement proposal for the next access ingement period (a proposal);	
	(c)	in a	revision or amendment to a proposal; and	
	(d)	rega	submission the <i>pipeline service provider</i> makes rding a <i>proposal</i> or a revised or amended <i>proposal</i> ; ether, the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> information).	
2.2	confi infor detai the	dentia matior ils of t AER's	eline service provider wishes to make a claim for lity over any of the pipeline service provider's n, the pipeline service provider must provide the that claim in accordance with the requirements of Confidentiality Guideline, as if it extended and that claim for confidentiality.	MGN has made claims for confidentiality for information submitted as part of this RIN response and part of its Final Plan. The claims for confidentiality have been made in line with the AER's Confidentiality Guideline and are attached to this RIN response. Please refer to Attachment 1.4 of the Final Plan and RIN Attachment 17.
2.3	3 The pipeline service provider must provide any details of a claim for confidentiality in response to paragraph 2.2 at the same time as making the claim for confidentiality.		onfidentiality in response to paragraph 2.2 at the	MGN's claims for confidentiality includes the relevant details at the time of making the claim.

3. Resubmission of Information

If the *pipeline service provider* is required to resubmit Not applicable. information provided under this notice in subsequent regulatory years, the pipeline service provider must provide:

- The relevant Microsoft Excel Workbook(s) fully populated with the latest submitted data and with revised information marked as amended using the 'Mark selection as AMENDED' tool within the Microsoft Excel Workbook(s);
- the reason for the resubmission;
- a statement as to whether or not the resubmitted information results in a material change in the pipeline service provider's response to this notice.
- 3.2 If the *pipeline service provider* resubmits historical information Not applicable. which results in a material change to its response to this notice, the AER may request the pipeline service provider provide assurance over this information by:

- verifying the resubmitted information by way of a statutory declaration in accordance with Appendix B of this notice; and
- provide the necessary audit opinion report and the review conclusion statements as applicable for the resubmitted information, prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix C of this notice.

3.3 If the AER requests assurance over the resubmitted historical Not applicable. information in accordance with paragraph 11.2, such assurance information must be provided at the time the next annual response to this notice is due or on a date otherwise agreed to by the AER.

1.2 Assurance Requirements

Requ	uirement	Response
4.	Audit Opinion Reports and Review Conclusion Statements	
4.1	Provide the audit opinion report and review conclusion statements as applicable, prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix C.	Refer to the audit opinion report and other reports from the auditor provided in RIN Attachments 18 and 19.
		Please note as per Appendix C, 1.3, an Agreed-Upon Procedure has been performed over Workbook 3 – ECM given MGN has previously provided audited information to the AER consistent with what is required under this notice.
4.2	Provide all reports from the auditor to the pipeline service provider's management regarding the review conclusion statements and/or auditors' opinions report or assessment.	Refer to the audit opinion report and other reports from the auditor provided in RIN Attachments 18 and 19.
		Please note as per Appendix C, 1.3, an Agreed-Upon Procedure has been performed over Workbook 3 – ECM given MGN has previously provided audited information to the AER consistent with what is required under this notice.
5.	Director Certification	
5.1	Provide, by the directors of the <i>pipeline service provider</i> , a certification of the reasonableness of the key assumptions relating to the methodology used for developing the <i>pipeline service provider</i> 's <i>operating expenditure</i> and capital expenditure forecasts.	MGN's director has certified the reasonableness of the key assumptions, which underline the methodology MGN used to forecast its capex and opex. Please refer to Appendix 1.
6.	Statutory Declaration	

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Requirement		Response
6.1	The notice requires a company officer of MGN to attest to the quality of the information provided in response to the notice, in accordance with the statutory declaration set out at Appendix B.	Refer to the statutory declarations provided in RIN Attachments 20 and 21.

Requ	iireme	nt	Response
6.2	When provice relevation forecastics (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	attesting to the quality of the <i>forecast information</i> ded the officer of MGN should take into account ant factors including (but not limited to) whether ast information provided in response to this notice: meets the requirements of the NGL and the NGR that should be taken into account when preparing the information for the notice and access arrangement proposal; meets the requirements of this notice; reflects the outcomes of the consumer consultation undertaken to prepare the access arrangement proposal; is consistent with the information provided in the access arrangement proposal of the pipeline service provider, including the models for asset roll forward, operating expenditure, capital expenditure and revenue forecasts; is based on assumptions, which are identified in response to paragraph 1.4(b) of Schedule 1 to this notice, and are justified and supported by evidence; is consistent with applicable AER Guidelines, or where it varies from those guidelines, is consistent with the variation as set out in the access arrangement proposal; and	Refer to the statutory declarations provided in RIN Attachments 20 and 21.
	(VII)	is consistent, to the extent possible, with historical information previously provided to the <i>AER</i> .	

Requirement		Response
6.3	When attesting to the quality of the historical information provided the officer of MGN should take into account relevant factors including (but not limited to) whether estimated historical information provided in response to this notice:	Refer to the statutory declarations provided in RIN Attachments 20 and 21.
	(i) meets the requirements of this <i>notice</i> ;	
	(ii) is based on assumptions, which are identified in response to paragraph 1.4(b) of Schedule 1 to this <i>notice;</i> and are justified and supported by evidence;	
	(iii) is consistent with applicable <i>AER</i> Guidelines, or where it varies from those guidelines, is consistent with the variation as set out in the <i>access arrangement proposal</i> ; and	
	(iv) is consistent, to the extent possible, with historical information previously provided to the <i>AER</i> .	

2. Schedule 2 – Reset Information

2.1 General Requirements

Requ	Requirement		Response	
1. S	Service	Provider Details and Business Context		
Local agent of a service provider1.1 Provide all details of any local agent(s) of the pipeline service provider (s. 11 of the NGL).		vide all details of any local agent(s) of the pipeline service	MGN is not a foreign company (within the meaning of <i>the Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth), and as such has not appointed any local agent, within the meaning contemplated by s11 of the National Gas Law.	
2. B	Backgro	ound to the pipeline		
Pipeline and pipeline services		nd pipeline services	MGN does not provide pipeline services that are non-reference services.	
2.1 For the <i>current access arrangement period</i> for each pipeline service provided by way of the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> gas distribution network that is not specified as a <i>reference service</i> in the <i>pipeline service provider's access arrangement proposal</i> , provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> :		ded by way of the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> gas distribution ork that is not specified as a <i>reference service</i> in the <i>pipeline ce provider's access arrangement proposal</i> , provide in the		
	(a)	the volume of gas distributed throughout the <i>gas distribution</i> network each regulatory year, and		
	(b)	the number of users.		

2.2 Expenditure Requirements

Red	quirement	Response
3.	Capital Expenditure	
3.1	The information required to be provided, prepared, kept or maintained in this part of the notice relates to all <i>pipeline services</i> , including both <i>reference services</i> and <i>non-reference services</i> .	Unless otherwise required by the RIN, our RIN response includes the information about pipeline services, however MGN has no historical or forecast capital expenditure related to non-reference services for the periods covered by this notice.

Requirement			Response	
		expenditure in the previous and current access ent period	Refer to the completed Workbook 2 – Historical data provided in RIN Attachment 5-10.	
3.2	expe regul eithe pract (a)	de <i>capital expenditure</i> at a <i>project</i> level and at a <i>capital nditure</i> subcategory level in <i>Workbook 2 – Historical data, latory templates</i> E2 to E6, E10, E12 and E13 . Where data is r not available to the <i>pipeline service provider</i> or it is not ical to produce the data in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> : explain why; and		
	(b)	provide data at the most disaggregated level available.		
Capi	ital ex	penditure in the <i>current access arrangement period</i>	(a) Please refer to the Appendix 2:	
3.3	Expla	in in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> : in terms of the nature of the work undertaken (scope, scale or other deviation from proposed works), the volume and the cost (deviation in unit rates), any <i>material difference</i> for each <i>capital expenditure purpose</i> between: (i) the <i>capital expenditure</i> approved by the <i>AER</i> and the actual and/or estimated <i>capital expenditure</i> for the <i>current access arrangement period</i> ; and (ii) the <i>capital expenditure</i> proposed by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> and the actual and/or estimated <i>capital expenditure</i> for the <i>current access arrangement period</i> ; and	 (i) the capital expenditure approved by the AER and the actual and/or estimated capital expenditure for the current AA period is provided in Appendix 2; and (ii) the capital expenditure proposed by MGN and the actual and/or estimated capital expenditure for the current AA period provided in is provided in Appendix 2. (b) Please refer to Chapters 9 & 10 of the Final Plan. 	
	(b)	whether and how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considers that <i>conforming capital expenditure</i> to be added to the <i>capital base</i> in the <i>current access arrangement period</i> meets the requirements of r. 79 of the <i>NGR</i> .		

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asse	ts, re	ve capital expenditure account, reused redundant dundant assets and disposals in the current access ent period	MGN did not have a speculative capex account during the reporting period.
3.4	whet requi to o	ide an explanation in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> ther and how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considers the irements of r. 79 of the <i>NGR</i> are met for any amounts added r deducted from the <i>capital base</i> in the <i>current access ingement period</i> :	
	(a)	from the speculative capital expenditure account;	
	(b)	for the reuse of redundant assets;	
	(c)	for redundant assets; and	
	(d)	for <i>disposals</i> .	
		conforming capital expenditure in the next access ent period	Please refer to Chapter 9 of the Final Plan and Attachments 9.1-9.19 and Workbook 1 - Forecast Data RIN Attachments 3 and 4.
3.5	For each <i>capital expenditure purpose</i> identified in the <i>Workbook</i> 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory templates E2 to E13, provide in the materials submitted to the AER an overall description including:		
	(a)	a definition and explanation of any materiality threshold test that the <i>pipeline service provider</i> intends to apply to categorise forecast conforming <i>capital expenditure projects</i> ;	
(b) the nature of forecast conforming capital expenditure projects or programs material to each capital expenditure purpose, including a brief description of the capital expenditure and, where relevant, the location of the expenditure on the distribution pipeline;		projects or programs material to each capital expenditure purpose, including a brief description of the capital expenditure and, where relevant, the location of the	
	(c)	key drivers of the proposed expenditure;	
	(d)	an explanation of how expenditure is distinguished between:	

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		(i)	new customer connections capital expenditure and augmentation capital expenditure;	
		(ii)	augmentation capital expenditure, driven by demand, mains replacement capital expenditure and other capital expenditure, driven by asset condition and other drivers; and	
		(iii)	any capital expenditure purpose or operating expenditure category where the pipeline service provider considers that there is reasonable scope for ambiguity in categorisation.	
	(e)	expe	Ils as to whether the forecast conforming capital anditure is to be funded by parties other than the pipeline ice provider, and	
	(f)	conti	ils of contractual agreements with parties where <i>capital ributions</i> are made by <i>users</i> for new <i>capital expenditure</i> r. 82).	
3.6	of ea	ach <i>ca</i>	t conforming capital expenditure, in total and in terms apital expenditure purpose, explain in the materials to the AER:	Please refer to Chapter 9 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	criter	it reasonably reflects the new <i>capital expenditure</i> ria set out in r. 79(1) of the <i>NGR</i> , and how the <i>pipeline ice provider</i> has interpreted these criteria;	
	(b)	unde	the forecast conforming <i>capital expenditure</i> is justified er r. 79(2) of the <i>NGR</i> and how the <i>pipeline service ider</i> has interpreted these sub-rules; and	
	(c)	or rec	any plans, policies, <i>procedures</i> , regulatory obligations quirements, consultants' reports, <i>economic analysis</i> and mptions have been used to justify the forecast forming capital expenditure.	

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3.7	If r. 79(2)(a) is relied on to justify the forecast <i>conforming capital</i> Please expenditure, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:		Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the calculations of the economic value of the <i>capital expenditure</i> that directly accrues to the <i>service provider</i> , gas producers, <i>users</i> and end <i>users</i> ; and	
	(b)	an explanation of the nature and quantification of the economic value that directly accrues to the <i>service provider</i> , gas producer, <i>users</i> and end <i>users</i> (see r. 79(3)).	
3.8		79(2)(b) is relied on to justify forecast <i>conforming capital</i> enditure, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:	Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the information the <i>pipeline service provider</i> relied on to determine the expected incremental <i>revenue</i> to be generated as a result of the forecast <i>conforming capital expenditure</i> ;	
	(b)	a description of the incremental service or services (see r. $79(4)(a)$);	
	(c)	the gross revenue derived from the incremental service (see r. $79(4)(b)$);	
	(d)	the incremental expenditure (see r. 79(4)(b)); and	
	(e)	the discount rates that the <i>pipeline service provider</i> used to determine the present value of the incremental <i>revenue</i> .	
3.9	confe	79(2)(c)(i), (ii) or (iii) is relied on to justify the forecast forming capital expenditure, provide in the materials submitted e AER:	Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	an explanation of which item in r. $79(2)(c)(i)$, (ii) or (iii) is relied on;	
	(b)	the relevant <i>regulatory obligation or requirement</i> (if any) and the relevant authority or body enforcing it;	

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	(c)	an explanation of whether and how the <i>pipeline service</i> provider considers that the forecast conforming capital expenditure satisfies the item in r. 79(2)(c)(i), (ii) or (iii) being relied on; and	
	(d)	any supporting technical or other external or internal reports about whether and how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considers that the forecast <i>conforming capital expenditure</i> addresses the relevant item in r. 79(2)(c)(i), (ii) or (iii).	
3.10		79(2)(c)(iv) is relied on to justify forecast <i>conforming capital</i> enditure, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:	Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	an explanation of how the conforming capital expenditure is necessary to maintain the pipeline service provider's capacity to meet levels of demand for services; and	
	(b)	any reports or other information and documentation that supports whether and how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considers that the forecast <i>capital expenditure</i> will maintain the capacity to meet the levels of demand for services.	
3.11		the each <i>capital expenditure purpose</i> provide a <i>project</i> list h details for each <i>project</i> :	Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	an <i>internal identification code</i> , which will enable the <i>pipeline</i> service provider to report actual capital expenditure against forecast capital expenditure;	
	(b)	the <i>project</i> name used internally by the <i>pipeline service</i> provider,	
	(c)	the cost and timing of the project capital expenditure; and	
	(d)	a brief description of the <i>project</i> and its scope.	

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3.12	Describe in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> how the forecast Pl conforming capital expenditure was prepared, including:		Please refer to Chapter 9 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the forecasting methodologies used;	
	(b)	how its preparation differed or related to budgetary, planning and governance processes used in the normal running of the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> business;	
	(c)	processes for ensuring amounts are free of error and other steps in quality assurance; and	
	(d)	if and how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considered the resulting amounts, when translated into price impacts, were in the long term interest of consumers.	
3.13	3.13 In relation to any source material (including models, documentat or any other items containing quantitative data) used by pipeline service provider to develop its forecast conforming cap expenditure, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:		Please refer to Attachment 9.1 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	a copy of this source material; and	
	(b)	all calculations that demonstrate how data from the source material has been manipulated or transformed to generate data provided in the <i>regulatory templates</i> .	
3.14	14 Identify in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> which particular items of the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> forecast <i>conforming capital expenditure</i> have been:		Please refer to Attachments 9.7 to 9.19 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	derived directly from competitive tender processes;	
	(b)	based upon competitive tender processes for similar projects;	
	(c)	based upon estimates obtained from contractors or manufacturers;	
	(d)	based upon independent benchmarks;	

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	(e) (f)	based upon actual historical costs for similar <i>projects</i> ; and reflective of any amounts for risk, uncertainty or other unspecified contingency factors, and if so, how these	
3.15	decis confi docu	amounts were calculated and deemed reasonable. ide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> , any relevant internal sion making <i>documents</i> relating to approval of the forecast forming capital expenditure and any other internal or external imentation or models that justify the forecast conforming tal expenditure, including but not limited to: business cases; feasibility studies; forecast demand studies and internal reports; and the date of any relevant internal decision making	Please refer to Attachments 9.1-9.19 of the Final Plan.
3.16	were conf	body/management decisions and board decisions. ide in the materials submitted to the AER all documents which taken into account and relate to the deliverability of forecast forming capital expenditure and explain the proposed verability.	Please refer Attachments 9.1-9.19 of the Final Plan.
Non-conforming capital expenditure in the next access arrangement period			Not applicable.
	Prov	ide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> in relation to <i>non-</i> forming capital expenditure: details of the mechanism to prevent the <i>pipeline service</i> provider from benefiting, through increased revenue, from the capital contributions by a user in the next access	
Capi	ital re	arrangement period (see r. 82(3)). Edundancy policy in the next access arrangement period	Not applicable.

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3.18	If rel	evant, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:		
	(a)	an explanation of the proposed mechanism to remove redundant assets from the capital base including:		
		(i) when the mechanism will take effect; and		
		(ii) whether the mechanism includes a <i>proposal</i> for cost sharing between the <i>service provider</i> and <i>users</i> associated with a decline in demand for <i>pipeline services</i> ;		
	(b)	an explanation of why the mechanism is being included;		
	(c)	an explanation of what uncertainty the mechanism may cause; and		
	(d)	the effect of this uncertainty on the <i>pipeline service provider</i> .		
4.	Opera	iting Expenditure		
Ope	rating	expenditure in the current access arrangement period	(a) Refer to the MGN's Annual, tab F6. Related Party transactions, for all	
4.1		the <i>current access arrangement period</i> in the materials nitted to the <i>AER</i> :	relevant related parties.	
	(a)	identify all relevant related parties; and	(b) MGN does not have any non-recurring expenditure.	
	(b)	provide an explanation of any non-recurring expenditures and the expenditure incurred for each of the non-recurring expenditures each <i>regulatory year</i> .		
Fore		operating expenditure in the next access arrangement		
4.2	For forecast total <i>operating expenditure</i> provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> :		(a) Places refer to Chapter O of the Final Plan	
	(a)	a description and explanation of the major drivers for the increase/decrease in expenditure for each <i>operating expenditure</i> category between the <i>current access</i>	(a) Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan.	

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	arrar perio	ngement period and the next access arrangement od;	
(b)	from resul categ arran thres	mation on any changes to the operations of the pipeline the <i>current access arrangement period</i> that have ited in <i>material</i> changes to <i>operating expenditure gories</i> and total <i>operating expenditure</i> in the <i>next access agement period</i> , including a definition of the materiality shold used by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> to identify changes;	(b) Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan.
(c)		models or methodology used to develop the forecast operating expenditure; and	(c) Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachment 8.1 of the Final Plan.
(d)	a des	scription of how the forecast was prepared, including:	
	(i)	how <i>forecast operating expenditure</i> reasonably reflects the criteria set out in r. 91(1) of the NGR;	(d) Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan.
	(ii)	if a revealed cost base year approach was used to forecast total operating expenditure;	
		(1) what the base year is; and	
		(2) why that base year represents efficient, recurrent costs;	
	(iii)	if a revealed cost <i>base year</i> approach was not used to forecast total <i>operating expenditure</i> ;	
		(1) whether there was a year of historical operating expenditure available that represents efficient, recurrent costs; and	
		(2) if not, why no year of historical <i>operating expenditure</i> represents efficient, recurrent costs; and	
	(iv)	any non-recurrent expenditure in the <i>base year</i> and each year of the <i>next access arrangement period</i> .	

Req	uirem	ent	Response	
Out	put gr	owth	Please refer to Chapter 8 and Attachments 8.1 and 9.3 of the Final Plan.	
4.3	Provi	ide in the materials submitted to the AER:		
	(a)	all output growth drivers included in the forecast;		
	(b)	any economies of scale factors applied to the growth drivers;		
	(c)	evidence that the growth drivers explain cost changes due to output growth; and		
	(d)	any weightings applied if multiple output growth drivers have been used.		
4.4	Expla	ain in the materials submitted to the AER:	Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan.	
	(a)	how the growth drivers have been applied in the <i>operating</i> expenditure forecast; and		
	(b)	how the forecast method accounts for economies of scale.		
Rea	l price	changes	Please refer to Chapter 8 and Attachments 8.4-8.5 of the Final Plan.	
4.5	Expla	ain in the materials submitted to the AER:		
	(a)	how the real price measures have been applied in the <i>operating expenditure</i> forecast; and		
	(b)	whether the labour price measure compensates for any form of labour productivity change.		
Prod	ductiv	ity change	Please refer to Chapter 8 and Attachment 8.6 of the Final Plan.	
4.6	Expla	ain in the materials submitted to the AER:		
	(a)	how the forecast changes in productivity have been applied in the <i>operating expenditure</i> forecast;		
	(b)	whether the forecast productivity changes capture the historical trend of cost increases due to new <i>regulatory</i>		

Requirement Response obligations or requirements and changes to industry best practice; and whether the productivity measure used to forecast operating expenditure includes productivity change compensated for by the labour price measure used to forecast the change in the price of labour. Step changes For all step changes in forecast operating expenditure (including Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, due to changes in policies, strategies and obligations) provide in 9.7, 9.13 and 9.14 of the Final Plan. the materials submitted to the AER: a description of the *step change*, including when the change occurred, or when it is expected to occur, what its driver is, and how the driver has changed (e.g. the change in a regulatory obligation); and a demonstration, including all supporting justifications, for when and how the step change affected or is expected to affect expenditures (historical and forecast), with respect to: any of the operating expenditure categories; and (ii) total operating expenditure. 5.2 For each step change identified in response to paragraph 5.1, Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, explain in the materials submitted to the AER: 9.7, 9.13 and 9.14 of the Final Plan. why the efficient costs of the *step change* are not provided by other aspects of the operating expenditure forecast including, for example, base operating expenditure, output

growth, real price growth or forecast productivity change;

and

Requ	uirem	ent	Response
	(b)	why the <i>step change</i> is required to contribute to a total <i>forecast operating expenditure</i> that reasonably reflects the criteria set out in r. 91(1) of the <i>NGR</i> .	
5.3	For a	Il step changes in forecast expenditure provide:	Please refer to RIN Attachment 3 and 4 Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data.
	(a)	In Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E17 the step changes expenditure:	
		(i) forecast for each year of the <i>forthcoming access</i> arrangement period; and	
		(ii) expected to be incurred in the <i>current access</i> arrangement period; and	
	(b)	a description of the step change.	
5.4	For each <i>step change</i> listed in response to paragraph 5.3, provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> an explanation of:		Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, 9.7 and 9.12 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	when the change occurred, or is expected to occur;	
	(b)	what the driver of the step change is;	
	(c)	how the driver has changed or will change (for example, revised legislation may lead to a change in a regulatory obligation or requirement); and	
	(d)	whether the step change is recurrent in nature.	
5.5	For each <i>step change</i> listed in response to paragraph 5.3, provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> justification for when, and how, the <i>step change</i> affected, or is expected to affect:		Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, 9.7 and 9.12 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the relevant operating expenditure category;	
	(b)	the relevant capital expenditure purpose;	(d) Not applicable
	(c)	total operating expenditure; and	(5) 355
	(d)	total capital expenditure.	

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5.6			Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, 9.7 and 9.12 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the timing of the step change; and	
	(b)	if the <i>pipeline service provider</i> considered a 'do nothing' option, evidence of how the <i>pipeline service provider</i> assessed the risks of this option compared with other options.	
5.7	If the <i>step change</i> was due to a change in a regulatory obligation or requirement provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> :		Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, 9.7 and 9.12 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	an explanation of any variations or exemptions granted from a regulatory obligation or requirement during the <i>previous access arrangement period</i> or the <i>current access arrangement period</i> ; and	
	(b)	any compliance <i>audits</i> conducted during the <i>previous access</i> arrangement period or the current access arrangement period.	
5.8	For each <i>step change</i> listed in response to paragraph 5.7, provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> , with reference to specific clauses of the relevant legislative instrument(s), the:		Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.2, 8.3 and 9.3, 9.7 and 9.12 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	previous regulatory obligation or requirement; and	
	(b)	how the changed <i>regulatory obligation or requirement</i> is driving the <i>step change</i> .	
Cate	gory	specific operating expenditure	
			Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Final Plan and Attachment 8.2 of the Final Plan.

Req	uirem	ent	Response
5.9	For all category specific forecasts in forecast operating expenditure provide in the materials submitted to the AER:		
	(a)	a description of the category specific forecast;	
	(b)	the process undertaken to identify and quantify the <i>category specific forecast</i> ,	
	(c)	an explanation of why the efficient costs of the <i>category specific forecast</i> is not provided by other aspects of the <i>operating expenditure</i> forecast including, for example, base <i>operating expenditure</i> , output growth, real price growth or forecast productivity change; and	
	(d)	an explanation of why the category specific forecast is required to contribute to a total <i>forecast operating expenditure</i> that reasonably reflects the criteria set out in r. 91(1) of the <i>NGR</i> .	
6.	Foreca	ast Price Changes	
6.1	mate	tify in the materials submitted to the AER, the labour and erial price changes proposed in the estimation of the forecast tal expenditure and the forecast operating expenditure.	Please refer to Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.1, 8.4 and 9.3 of the Final Plan.
6.2	Provi	de in the materials submitted to the AER:	Please refer to Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.1,
	(a)	the model(s) used to derive and apply all price changes assumed in the estimation of the <i>forecast capital expenditure proposal</i> and the <i>forecast operating expenditure proposal</i> , including any proprietary model(s) provided by a <i>third party</i> ,	8.5, 9.3 and 9.6 of the Final Plan.
	(b)	in relation to labour escalators, a copy of the current Enterprise Agreement or equivalent agreement; and	
	(c)	evidence that the price measures explain those cost changes which are attributed to price changes, including evidence of any materials price forecast method which explains the	

Requirement		ent	Response
		historical change in the price of materials purchased by network <i>service providers</i> .	
6.3			Please refer to Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 of the Final Plan and Attachments 8.1,
	(a)	the methodology underlying the calculation of each price change, including sources, data conversions, the operation of any models provided under paragraph 6.2(a) and the use of any assumptions, such as lags or productivity gains;	8.4 and 9.3 of the Final Plan.
	(b)	whether the same price changes have been used in developing both <i>the forecast capital expenditure</i> and <i>forecast operating expenditure</i> ; and	
	(c)	if the response to paragraph 6.3(b) is no, why it is appropriate for different expenditure escalators to apply.	
6.4	expir mate	agreement provided in response to paragraph 6.2(b) is due to be during the <i>next access arrangement period</i> , explain in the crials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the progress and outcomes of any tiations to date to review and replace the current agreement.	Not applicable
7.	Intera	ctions between Capex and Opex	
7.1	intera	tify in the materials submitted to the AER any material actions between the pipeline service provider's forecast capital and ture and forecast operating expenditure.	Please refer to Chapters 8 and 9 of the Final Plan.
7.2	intera forec	ain in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> how these actions have been taken into account when developing easts of <i>capital expenditure</i> and <i>operating expenditure</i> , and rwise in providing responses to items under paragraphs 5 and	Please refer to Chapters 8 and 9 of the Final Plan.

2.3 Capital Base and Tax Reporting

Requirement		Response
8.	Capital Base	
8.1	Provide the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> calculation of the <i>capital base</i> using the <i>AER's RFM</i> and <i>PTRM</i> which are to be submitted as part of the <i>access arrangement proposal</i> , including the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> calculation of the opening and closing <i>capital base</i> for each <i>regulatory year</i> of the <i>current access arrangement period</i> and <i>next access arrangement period</i> .	Please refer to Attachments 1.5 and 1.6 of the Final Plan.
8.2	Confirm in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> that the gross capex and customer contribution values in the <i>AER's RFM</i> and/or <i>PTRM</i> submitted by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> are exclusive of <i>gifted assets</i> consistent with the Full Federal Court of Australia's ruling on 21 October 2020.	We confirm that all capex is exclusive of gifted assets.
8.3	If the <i>pipeline service provider</i> proposes to change the underlying methods in the <i>AER's RFM</i> and/or <i>PTRM</i> compared with the <i>current access arrangement's AER</i> final decision <i>RFM</i> and/or <i>PTRM</i> for the calculation referred to in paragraph 8.1, describe in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the reasons for the changes.	Not applicable
8.4	If the opening value of the <i>capital base</i> as at the start of the <i>next access arrangement period</i> is proposed to be adjusted because of re-use of redundant <i>assets</i> or exclusion of redundant <i>assets</i> , provide details in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> including relevant supporting information used to calculate that <i>adjustment</i> value.	Not applicable
9.	provide details in the materials submitted to the AER including relevant supporting information used to calculate that adjustment	

9.1	Provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> , the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> calculation of the depreciation amounts for the relevant <i>gas distribution network</i> for each <i>regulatory year</i> of:		Please refer to Attachments 1.5 and 1.6 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	the <i>current access arrangement period</i> using the <i>AER's RFM</i> , which is to be submitted as part of the <i>access arrangement proposal</i> ; and	
	(b)	the <i>next access arrangement period</i> using the <i>AER's PTRM,</i> which is to be submitted as part of the <i>access arrangement proposal</i> .	
9.2	depre the <i>a</i> for the	e <i>pipeline service provider</i> proposes to change the underlying eciation methods in the AER's <i>RFM</i> and <i>PTRM</i> compared with current access arrangement's AER final decision <i>RFM</i> and <i>PTRM</i> he calculations referred to in paragraph 9.1, describe in the erials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the reasons for the changes.	Not applicable
9.3	3 For the standard <i>asset</i> lives applied in the <i>PTRM</i> , identify any changes from the standard <i>asset</i> lives approved in the <i>AER's</i> final decision for the <i>current access arrangement</i> for exisiting <i>asset classes</i> . Explain in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the reason/s for the change and provide relevant supporting information.		Not applicable
9.4	For any proposed new <i>asset classes</i> , explain the reason/s for using these new <i>asset classes</i> and provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the relevant supporting information on their proposed standard <i>asset</i> lives.		We have created a new asset class 'Future of Gas' for Future of Gas accelerated depreciation. Please refer to Chapter 6 and Chapter 10 of the Final Plan.
9.5	If existing <i>asset classes</i> approved in the <i>AER's</i> final decision for the <i>current access arrangement</i> are proposed to be removed at the start of the <i>next access arrangement period</i> and their residual values are to be reallocated to other <i>asset classes</i> , explain in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the reason/s for the change and provide relevant supporting information. This should include a demonstration of the materiality of the change on the forecast depreciation allowance.		Not applicable

9.6 Describe in the materials submitted to the AER the method used to Please refer to Chapter 10 of the Final Plan. depreciate existing asset classes as at 1 July 2021 and provide supporting calculations. This may include calculations to estimate remaining asset lives.

9.7 Explain in the materials submitted to the AER the approach the Please refer to Chapter 10 of the Final Plan. pipeline service provider used to forecast its immediate expensing capital expenditure for the next access arrangement period as provided in the access arrangement proposal PTRM.

9.8 The AER's PTRM applies the diminishing value (DV) method for tax Not applicable depreciation purposes to all new depreciable assets except for certain assets. Where the pipeline service provider proposes capital expenditure associated with buildings and in-house software to be exempted from the DV method of tax depreciation, please confirm that the proposal satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) buildings: capital expenditure for buildings may be depreciated using the SL method if it satisfies the definition of a capital work under section 43.20 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA); and
- in-house software: capital expenditure for in-house software may be depreciated using the SL method if it satisfies the definition of in-house software under section 995.1 of the ITAA, and may be depreciated using the SL method, consistent with section 40.72 of the ITAA.

10. Corporate Income Tax

10.1 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER the pipeline service Please refer to Chapter 11 of the Final Plan. provider's calculation of the estimated cost of corporate income tax for the next access arrangement period using the AER's PTRM, which is to be submitted as part of the access arrangement proposal.

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10.2	Demonstrate in the materials submitted to the AER that the calculation referred to in paragraph 10.1 complies with r. 87A of the NGR .	Please refer to Chapter 11 of the Final Plan.
10.3	Provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the details of each departure from the <i>AER's PTRM</i> for the calculations referred to in paragraph 10.1, and the reasons for that departure.	Not applicable
10.4	Identify in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> any changes to standard tax asset lives for existing <i>asset classes</i> approved for the <i>current access arrangement</i> . Explain the reason/s for the change and provide relevant supporting information, including Federal tax laws governing depreciation for tax purposes.	Not applicable
10.5	Describe in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the method used to depreciate existing asset classes as at 1 July 2021 for tax purposes and provide supporting calculations, if the approach differs from that in the <i>current access arrangement's AER</i> final decision <i>RFM</i> .	Not applicable
10.6	Provide in the materials submitted to the AER the pipeline service provider's calculation of the tax asset base for each regulatory year of the current access arrangement period and next access arrangement period using the pipeline service provider's RFM, PTRM and/or separate tax depreciation model.	Please refer to Chapters 10 and 11 of the Final Plan.
10.7	If the <i>pipeline service provider</i> proposes to change the underlying methods in the <i>AER's RFM</i> for the calculations referred to in paragraph 10.6, describe in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> the reasons for the changes.	Not applicable
10.8	Identify in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> any differences in the <i>capitalisation</i> of expenditure for regulatory accounting purposes and tax accounting purposes. Provide reasons and supporting calculations to reconcile any differences between the two forms of accounts.	Not applicable

2.4 Network Information Reporting

Req	Requirement		Response
11.	Demar	nd	
11.1	Provi	de in the materials submitted to the AER:	Please refer to Chapter 13 and Attachments 13.1-13.3 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	an explanation of any trends in demand and volumes over the <i>current access arrangement period</i> and the <i>next access</i> <i>arrangement period</i> ;	Please refer to Chapter 8 and 9 of the Final Plan.
	(b)	details of the key drivers behind the demand forecasts provided in response to <i>Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template</i> N1. Demand;	
	(c)	any methodology and models that have been used to develop the demand forecasts;	
	(d)	any data sets used as inputs into the models;	
	(e)	any key inputs and assumptions that have been used in the models (including in relation to economic growth, <i>customer</i> numbers and policy changes) and any associated models or data relevant to justifying these inputs and assumptions and how demand for <i>pipeline services</i> is differentiated;	
	(f)	an explanation of any weather normalisation models used by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> and how weather data has been used, as well as an explanation as to how the <i>pipeline service</i> <i>provider's</i> approach to weather normalisation has changed over time;	
	(g)	an explanation of any appliance models, where used, or assumptions relating to <i>average customer</i> energy usage (by <i>customer</i> type);	
	(h)	how the forecasting methodology used is consistent with, and takes into account, historical observations (where appropriate), including any calibration processes undertaken	

- within the model (specifically whether the load forecast is matched against actual historical load); and
- (i) an explanation of how the demand forecasts have been used to develop the *pipeline service provider's capital expenditure* and *operating expenditure* forecasts.
- 11.2 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER:

Please refer to Chapter 13 and Attachments 13.1-13.3 of the Final Plan.

- (a) evidence that any independent verifier engaged has examined the reasonableness of the method, processes and assumptions in determining the forecasts and has the requisite expertise to undertake a verification of forecasts; and
- (b) all documentation, analysis and models evidencing the results of the independent verification provided in paragraph 11.2(a).

2.5 Incentive Schemes and other Reporting

Req	uirement	Response
12.	Proposed Incentive Mechanism	
12.1	Provide in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> , for each mechanism (including existing incentive mechanisms), the forecast <i>revenue</i> referable to increments for efficiency decrements for efficiency losses for the <i>next access ari period</i> .	cy gains or
12.2	Provide in the materials submitted to the AER, for each incentive mechanism:	proposed Please refer to Chapter 12 of the Final Plan.
	(a) an explanation of the operation of the proposed mechanism;	incentive

- an explanation of the rationale for the proposed incentive mechanism;
- reference to the source *documents* used to derive exclusions and inclusions to calculate efficiency gains and losses for the next access arrangement period; and
- any relevant analyses or reports that support the proposed incentive mechanism.

13. Rate of Return

13.1 The pipeline service provider is required to apply the binding Rate Please refer to Chapter 11 and Attachment 11.1 of the Final Plan. of Return Instrument (December 2022) for determining the rate of return in its access arrangement proposal.

13.2 The averaging periods nominated by the *pipeline service provider* Please refer to Chapter 11 and Attachment 11.1 of the Final Plan. in accordance with the Rate of Return Instrument (December 2022) will be kept confidential by the AER.

13.3 For the purposes of assessing the pipeline service provider's Please refer to Chapter 11 and Attachment 11.1 of the Final Plan. proposal we require it to nominate 'placeholder' averaging periods which will be made public and have been used to calculate an indicative rate of return in the pipeline service provider's access arrangement proposal.

2.6 Revenue and Pricing

Requirement		Response	
14. R	evenues and Prices for References Services		
14.1	Provide in the materials submitted to the AER the pipeline service provider's calculation of the unsmoothed and smoothed revenues, and prices for the purposes of the reference tariff variation mechanism proposed by the pipeline service provider for the next access arrangement period using the AER's PTRM.	Please refer to Chapter 14 and Attachments 14.1 and 14.2 of the Final Plan.	

If the pipeline service provider proposes to change the underlying Not applicable 14.2 methods in its access arrangement proposal PTRM compared with the current access arrangement AER final decision PTRM for the calculations referred to paragraph 14.1 describe in the materials submitted to the AER the reasons for the changes.

15. Tariffs

Total revenue allocation

- 15.1 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - an explanation, including any relevant calculations, of the methods or principles used to allocate relevant cost between the reference services and non-reference services; and
 - for *rebateable services*, provide:
 - the reasons why the service should be treated as a rebateable service: and
 - a description of the mechanism that the pipeline service provider will use to apply an appropriate portion of the revenue generated from the sale of rebateable services to price rebates (or refunds) to users of reference services (see r. 93 of the NGR).

Please refer to Chapter 14 and Attachments 1.5, 14.1 and 14.2 of the Final Plan.

Tariffs – distribution pipelines (see r. 94 of the NGR)

- 15.2 For each *tariff* proposed by the *pipeline service provider* for the *next* access arrangement period, and if it consists of two or more charging parameters, each charging parameter for a tariff class, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - a description of how the *pipeline service provider* has taken into account the long run marginal cost for the reference service or, in the case of a charging parameter, for the element of the service to which the charging parameter relates;

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- (b) details of the transaction costs associated with the *tariff* or each charging parameter;
- (c) whether *customers* belonging to the relevant *tariff class* are able or likely to respond to price signals; and
- (d) an explanation of the methodology used to allocate costs.

Prudent discounts (see r. 96 of the NGR)

Not applicable

- 15.3 Identify in the materials submitted to the *AER* all prudent discounts that the *pipeline service provider* proposes for the *next access arrangement period* and the *users* to whom they will apply and explain:
 - (a) how each prudent discount is necessary to respond to competition or maintain efficient use of the *pipeline*; and
 - (b) whether including relevant calculations, *reference tariffs* would be higher without the prudent discount than they would be with the prudent discount.

16. Reference Tariff Variations

Reference tariff variation mechanism

Please refer to Chapter 14 and Attachments 14.1 and 14.2 of the Final Plan.

- 16.1 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER an explanation of:
 - (a) the proposed *reference tariff variation mechanism* for the *next access arrangement period* and the basis for any parameters used in the mechanism; and
 - (b) the administrative arrangements for periodic reviews of tariffs including the timing of notifications to the *AER*.
- 16.2 Identify in the materials submitted to the AER:

Please refer to Chapter 14 and Attachments 14.1 and 14.2 of the Final Plan.

 the possible effects of the proposed reference tariff variation mechanism on the pipeline service provider's administrative costs and, if known, the administrative costs of users or potential users; and (b) all relevant regulatory arrangements the *pipeline service* provider considers applicable to the relevant reference services before the commencement of the proposed reference tariff variation mechanism.

Cost pass through mechanism

Please refer to Chapter 14 and Attachment 14.1 of the Final Plan.

- 16.3 For each cost pass through event in the *pipeline service provider's* access arrangement proposal, provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - (a) a definition and description of the cost pass through event;
 - (b) an explanation of how the cost pass through event is uncontrollable;
 - (c) an explanation of whether the costs of the cost pass through event are already provided for through the *operating* expenditure or capital expenditure forecasts, the WACC (i.e. events which affect the market generally, are systemic risks and already compensated through the WACC), or any other mechanism or allowance; and
 - (d) an explanation of the administrative arrangements for the cost pass through event and their relationship to other periodic reviews for other *tariff* variation mechanisms including the timing of notifications to the AER.
- 16.4 Identify in the materials submitted to the AER:

Please refer Chapter 14 and Attachment 14.1 of the Final Plan.

- (a) the materiality threshold the *pipeline service provider* proposes for cost pass through events;
- (b) the possible effects of the proposed cost pass through mechanism on the *pipeline service provider's* administrative costs and, if known, the administrative costs of *users* or potential *users*; and
- (c) all relevant regulatory arrangements the *pipeline service* provider considers applicable to the relevant reference

services prior to the commencement of the proposed cost pass through mechanism.

17. Non-tariff Components

Non-tariff terms and conditions

- 17.1 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - (a) details of any amendments to the non-tariff terms and conditions of the *access arrangement* that the *pipeline service provider* proposes for the *next access arrangement period*; and
 - (b) for each amendment identified in paragraph 17.1(a), explain the reasons for the proposed amendment.

Please refer to Attachments 15.1 and 15.2 of the Final Plan.

Queuing requirements

17.2 Provide in the materials submitted to the *AER* details of the process or mechanism for determining the order of priority for spare or developable capacity, for example, whether it is to be on a first-come-first-served basis or by auction.

Clause 7.2 of the 2023-28 AA Document deals with the matter of Queuing, which also refers to rule 103 of the National Gas Rules.

Capacity trading requirements

17.3 Identify in the materials submitted to the *AER* the rules or *procedures* the *pipeline service provider* must accord with under r. 105 of the *NGR*.

Refer Section 7 of the 2023-28 AA document. These are consistent with rule 105 of the National Gas Rules.

Extension and expansion requirements (see r. 104 of the NGR)

- 17.4 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - (a) details of any *extension and expansion requirements* where that *extension and expansion requirement* states that the *access arrangement* will apply to incremental services to be provided as a result of the extension or expansion; and
 - (b) details of the effect of those *extension or expansion requirements* identified in paragraph 17.4(a) on *tariffs*.

- (a) Refer to section 8 of the 2023-28 AA Document, which deals with extension and expansion requirements.
- (b) In accordance with section 8.3 of the 2023-28 AA, it the AA applies to an incremental service to be provided as a result of any extension or expansion then the Reference Tariffs will apply to incremental services which are Reference Services.

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Change of receipt or delivery point by user

- 17.5 Explain in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - how users may obtain consent, including identifying any relevant conditions, to change receipt or delivery points as contemplated under r. 106 of the NGR; and
 - where relevant, the technical or commercial considerations and other relevant conditions in the event the pipeline service provider intends to withhold consent to a change in a receipt or delivery point.

(a) Clause 7.3 of the 2023-28 AA Document explains how AGN's users may obtain consent, including identifying any relevant conditions, to change receipt or delivery points as contemplated under r. 106.

18. Indicative Impact on Customer Gas Bills

If the *pipeline service provider* proposes an alternative method Not applicable 18.1 to estimate the impact of its *proposal* on typical *customer* bills (other than that set out in Workbook 4 – Indicative bill impact), provide in the materials submitted to the AER the alternative calculations, and describe the method and underlying assumptions used.

2.7 Miscellaneous Reporting

Requirement	Response	
19. Related Party Transactions		

19.1 Identify and describe in the materials submitted to the AER all The DBP Group are a related party of MGN but the criteria in section 19.1 is entities which:

not met.

- are a related party to the pipeline service provider and contribute to the provision of pipeline services; or
- have the capacity to determine the outcome of decisions about the *pipeline service provider's* financial and operating policies.

The minimum threshold for these entities are for transactions greater than \$1,000,000 in a regulatory year.

19.2 Provide in the materials submitted to the AER a diagram of the Not applicable organisational structure depicting the relationships between all the entities identified in the response to paragraph 19.1.

19.3 Identify in the materials submitted to the AER:

Not applicable

- all arrangements or *contracts* between the *pipeline service* provider and any of the other entities identified in the response to paragraph 19.1 currently in place or expected to be in place during the period 2019-20 to 2025-26 which relate directly or indirectly to the provision of pipeline services; and
- the service or services that are the subject of each arrangement or contract.

19.4 For each service identified in the response to paragraph 19.3(b):

Not applicable

- provide in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - a description of the process used to procure the service; and
 - supporting documentation including, but not limited to, requests for tender, tender submissions, internal committee papers evaluating the tenders, contracts

between the *pipeline service provider* and the relevant provider.

- explain in the materials submitted to the AER:
 - why that service is the subject of an arrangement or contract (i.e. why it is outsourced) instead of being undertaken by the *pipeline service provider* itself;
 - whether the services procured were provided under a standalone contract or provided as part of a broader operational agreement (or similar);
 - whether the services were procured on a genuinely competitive basis and if not, why; and
 - (iv) whether the service (or any component thereof) was further outsourced to another provider.
- 19.5 For each arrangement or contract identified in the response to Not applicable paragraph 19.3 provide in the materials submitted to the AER:

- a copy of the arrangement or contract which sets out the obligations of both the other entity and the pipeline service provider,
- a breakdown of all services provided as part of that arrangement or contract;
- a breakdown of costs for each service provided as part of the arrangement or contract, including separately identifying overheads, any profit margin or management fee and incentive payments;
- a breakdown of all costs included in the contract price; and
- any methodologies, including consultant's reports, or assumptions used to determine components of those costs included in the contract price.

2.8 Other Information

Requ	Requirement			Response
20.	Compl	iance	with Section 269A of the NGL	
20.1	The that:	pipelir	ne service provider must provide a statement attesting	Not applicable
	(a)	to be	e any expenditure or cost has been incurred or is forecast e incurred by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> , as a result of cidental to a review under Part 5 – Merits review and other judicial review – of the <i>NGL</i> , that;	
		(i)	the <i>pipeline service provider</i> has not included any of that expenditure or cost, or any part of that expenditure or cost, in its capital or <i>operating expenditures</i> for an <i>access arrangement</i> decision; and	
		(ii)	the <i>pipeline service provider</i> has not recovered any of that expenditure or cost, or any part of that expenditure or cost, from end <i>users</i> ; and	
		(iii)	the <i>pipeline service provider</i> has not sought to pass through any of that expenditure or cost, or any part of that expenditure or cost, to end <i>users</i> ; or	
	(b)	to be	e no expenditure or cost has been incurred or is forecast incurred by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> , as a result of cidental to a review under Part 5 – Merits review and other judicial review – of the <i>NGL</i> , that;	
		(i)	no such expenditure or cost has been incurred or is forecast to be incurred.	
21.	Identii	fication	of Certain Costs in Actual Capex and Opex	
21.1	in res	sponse	ual <i>capital expenditure</i> or <i>operating expenditure</i> reported to this <i>notice</i> , identify any part of that expenditure which buted to any expenditure or cost that the <i>pipeline service</i>	Not applicable

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provider has incurred as a result of, or incidental to, a review under Part 5 – *Merits review and other non-judicial review* – of the *NGL*.

3. Schedule 3 – Historical Information

Req	Juirem	ent		Response
1. F	Provide	Histor	ical Financial Information	
1.1		the capic	eviously provided to the AER, provide in the materials to the AER: regulatory accounting principles and policies and the talisation policy for the relevant regulatory year; cost allocation methodology for the relevant regulatory year; attement of policy for determining: the allocation of costs for the relevant regulatory year; and the allocation of overheads for the relevant regulatory year.	 (a) MGN previously supplied the Regulatory Accounting Principles and Policies (Attachment 12) and the capitalisation policy (Attachment 14) as part of the submission of the Annual RIN (for initial regulatory years 2011 to 2019) on 31 March 2021. (b) MGN previously supplied the cost allocation methodology (CAM) (Attachment 13) as part of the submission of the Annual RIN (for initial regulatory years 2011 to 2019) on 31 March 2021. (c) All costs that are allocated to MGN and to its pipeline services are performed in accordance with the MGN's cost allocation methodologies. (i) All allocated costs are relevant to each regulatory year with appropriate external audit procedures performed over these costs and in accordance with the RIN requirements. (ii) MGN allocates overheads directly to its pipeline services and where it cannot, a causal driver is used to allocate these costs.
1.2	to p	aragra chang expl quar	material changes in the policies provided in the response ph 1.1(c) compared to the previous regulatory year. For ge identified: ain the nature of and the reasons for the change; and natify the effect of the change on the regulatory templates the relevant regulatory year.	There have been no changes to the methodology for the allocation of costs from a regulatory perspective within the current access arrangement period.
2. (Complia	ance w	ith Current Access Arrangement	
Cos	t pass	throu	ngh	Please refer to clause 4.5 of the 2023-28 AA Document for the cost-passthrough procedure

- 2.1 Describe in the materials submitted to the *AER* the processes and *procedures* the *pipeline service provider* has in place to:
 - (a) identify negative cost pass through events under the *current* access arrangement, and
 - (b) determine the materiality (as defined in clause 3.4 (c) of the *current access arrangement)* of cost decreases.

Tariff class assignment

including:

- Identify in the materials submitted to the AER each refusal the pipeline service provider has made during the relevant regulatory year to assign a user to the tariff class nominated by a user or prospective user in its request for service under the current access arrangement
 - (a) the name of the *user* or prospective *user*,
 - (b) the date upon which the request was made; and
 - (c) the date upon which the *pipeline service provider* responded to the request.

Not applicable

Tariff class re-assignment

2.3 Describe in the materials submitted to the *AER* the processes and *procedures* the *pipeline service provider* has in place to determine if the withdrawal of a *tariff class* and/or re-assignment of a *delivery point* to a different *tariff class* under the *current access arrangement* is necessary.

Please refer to clause 2.3.3 of the 2023-28 AA Document for the reclassification procedure.

- 2.4 Identify in the materials submitted to the *AER* each withdrawal of a *tariff class* and/or *delivery point* re-assignment the *pipeline service provider* has made during the *relevant regulatory year* under the *current access arrangement* including:
 - (a) the name of the tariff class or delivery point;
 - (b) the date upon which the withdrawal or re-assignment occurred;

Not applicable

- (c) how many *users* were affected by the withdrawal or reassignment; and
- (d) the reason for each withdrawal or re-assignment (including re-assignment at the users request)
- 2.5 Describe in the materials submitted to the *AER* the processes and *procedures* the *pipeline service provider* has in place to determine if the re-assignment of a *tariff class* to a *delivery point* requested by a user under the *current access arrangement* is necessary.

Please refer to clause 2.3.3 of the 2023-28 AA Document for the reclassification procedure.

2.6 Identify in the materials submitted to the *AER* each tariff reassignment the *pipeline service provider* has made during the *relevant regulatory year* under the *current access arrangement* including:

Not applicable

- (a) the name of the user who made the request;
- (b) the date upon which the request was made; and
- (c) whether the pipeline service provider agreed to the request.

3. Cost Allocation to the Pipeline Service Provider

- 3.1 Identify in the materials submitted to the *AER* each item in the Not applicable *regulatory templates* that is:
 - (a) not allocated on a *directly attributable* basis but is allocated on a causation basis to the *pipeline service provider*, or
 - (b) not allocated on a *directly attributable* basis and cannot be allocated on a causation basis to the *pipeline service provider*.
- 3.2 For each item identified in the response to paragraph 3.1(a):

Not applicable

- (a) state the amount of the item that has been allocated to the *pipeline service provider*;
- (b) explain the method of allocation and reasons for choosing that method; and
- (c) state the amount of each allocator used; and

(d)	explain the reason(s) why it cannot be directly attributed.
For	each item identified in the response to paragraph 3.1(b):

- (a) state the amount that has been allocated to the *pipeline service* provider and whether it was material;
- (b) explain the method of allocation and reasons for choosing that method; and
- (c) explain the reason(s) why it cannot be allocated on a causation basis.

MGN Limited does not have any costs that are not otherwise allocated on a causation basis.

4. Cost Allocation to Pipeline Services

3.3

Note: Pipeline services refers to *haulage reference services*, *ancillary reference services*, *other reference services* and *non-reference services*.

- 4.1 Identify each item in the *regulatory templates* attached at Appendix A that is:
 - (a) *directly attributable* to a pipeline service;
 - (b) not *directly attributable* but is allocated on a *causation basis* to a pipeline service;
 - (c) not *directly attributable* and cannot be allocated on a *causation basis* to a pipeline service.

The amount of any item that has been allocated to MGN pipeline services is reported in Workbook 2 – Historical against the relevant category or subcategory of expenditure for which costs are allocated on a causation basis.

4.2 For each item identified in response to paragraph 4.1(a), state the amount of the item that is *directly attributable* to each *pipeline service*.

The amount of each item directly attributable to each pipeline services is reported in Workbook 2 – Historical.

- 4.3 For each item identified in the response to paragraph 4.1(b):
 - (a) state the amount of the item that has been allocated to each *pipeline service*;
 - (b) explain the method of allocation and reasons for choosing that method; and
 - (c) state the amount of each allocator used; and
 - (d) explain why it cannot be directly attributed.

The amount of any item that has been allocated to MGN pipeline services is reported in Workbook 2 – Historical against the relevant category or subcategory of expenditure for which costs are allocated on a causation basis.

MGN does not have any costs that are not otherwise allocated on a causation basis.

- 4.4 For each item identified in the response to paragraph 4.1(c):
 - (a) state the amount of the item that has been allocated to each *pipeline service* and whether it was *material*;
 - (b) explain the method of allocation and reasons for choosing that method; and
 - (c) explain the reason(s) why it cannot be allocated on a *causation* basis.

MGN does not have any costs that are not otherwise allocated on a causation basis.

4. Schedule 4 – Prepare and Maintain Information

Requ	Requirement			Response
1.	Prepare Information		formation	
1.1	Prepare the Microsoft Excel Workbooks attached at Appendix A in the manner and form specified in the worksheets therein and in accordance with this <i>notice</i> .		d form specified in the worksheets therein and in accordance	MGN has completed all workbooks as required. Please refer to the relevant documents, RIN attachments 3 to 15.
1.2	For information other than <i>forecast information</i> , prepare a <i>basis of preparation</i> in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedules 1, 2 and 3. The <i>basis of preparation</i> must:		in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedules	MGN has prepared a separate Basis of Preparation document (Please refer to RIN Attachment 2) explaining the source of information, assumptions and methodology used to populate the historical data templates. It also
	(a)		onstrate how the information provided is consistent with the irements of this notice;	explains whether the data reported in 'actual information' or 'estimated information' using MGN's best estimates. Where MGN believes the data is not applicable, a "NULL" response is input as well as an explanation.
	(b)		ain the source from which the <i>pipeline service provider</i> ined the information provided;	not applicable, a Noce response is input as well as an explanation.
	(c)	prov	ain the methodology the <i>pipeline service provider</i> applied to ide the required information, including any assumptions the <i>line service provider</i> made; and	
	(d) explain, in circumstances where the <i>pipeline service provider</i> cannot provide input for a variable using <i>actual information</i> and therefore must provide input using <i>estimated information</i> :		not provide input for a variable using actual information and	
	 (i) why an estimate was required, including why it was not possible for the <i>pipeline service provider</i> to use <i>actual</i> <i>information</i>; and 			
		(ii)	the basis for the estimate, including the approach used, assumptions made and reasons why the estimate has been arrived on a reasonable basis and is the <i>pipeline service provider's</i> best estimate possible in the circumstances; and	
	(e)	•	ain, in circumstances where the <i>pipeline service</i> provider ides a "NULL" response as an input for a variable:	

- (i) why the pipeline service provider believes the variable is not applicable for the pipeline service provider.
- Prepare all information required under this *notice* in a manner and form:

MGN has prepared all information required by the notice as explained through this document.

- that is in accordance with the requirements at Schedules 1, 2 and 3 which:
 - (i) is in an electronic format;
 - includes any underlying calculations and formulae;
 - (iii) is not password protected;
 - where relevant, allows for precedents and dependants to be traced; and
 - is fully searchable, in text readable format and is capable of text selection and a 'copy and paste' function being applied to it (we prefer that all files be provided in Microsoft Word or PDF; templates must be in Microsoft Excel) and
- that is readily available for inspection by, or submission to, the AER.
- 2 of Appendix C, an audit opinion report and review conclusion responses as required. Please refer to the RIN Attachment 18 & 19. statement(s) (as applicable) in accordance with the requirements of this notice.

Prepare, using a person(s) who satisfies the requirements of paragraph MGN has engaged an appropriate auditor to audit/review the RIN

Maintain Information

The pipeline service provider must maintain all information prepared MGN has kept complete records of all information prepared in this RIN under this Schedule 4, for at least 7 years from the date of the response. submission.

5. Appendix E

5.1 Part A: General

Requirer	ment	Response
General		
(a) (b) (c) (d)	financial data must: be derived from the <i>audited statutory accounts</i> ; be verifiable by reference to the audited statutory accounts; be prepared using the accrual basis of accounting; report the substance, over the form, of a transaction, taking into account all aspects, implications and expectations of and motivations for the transaction and that a group or series of transactions that achieves, or is designed to achieve, an overall commercial effect shall be viewed in aggregate;	Workbook 2 – Historical has been prepared in accordance with the requirements listed in 1.1 (c) to (j). In relation to 1.1 (a) and (b), audited financial statements are prepared for Multinet Group Holdings Pty Ltd. Actual capital expenditure for MGN, as reported in Workbook 2 – Historical, has been sourced from the MGN SAP system which contains the relevant account balances that are included in the consolidated Audited Statutory Accounts for MGN. Also refer to the Basis of Preparation (RIN Attachment 2) to understand the cost collection and reporting process for Capex and related
(e)	only include costs that are incurred in or relate to the provision of pipeline services;	Overheads.
(f)	be presented on a fair and consistent basis, from the accounting records that underlie the costs, revenue, assets employed and liabilities that may be reasonably attributed to the pipeline service provider;	
(g)	in so far as is reasonably practicable, be prepared in accordance with the general rules and format, and use the accounting principles and policies applicable to the audited statutory accounts except as otherwise required by this notice;	
(h)	be presented in an understandable manner, without sacrificing relevance or reliability;	
(i)	state fairly the financial position of the pipeline service provider; and	
(j)	unless otherwise specified, not be adjusted for inflation.	

Red	Juiren	nent	Response
1.2	Provi	ide all financial information on a regulatory year basis and set out:	Workbook 2 – Historical has been prepared in accordance with the
	(a)	whether the information provided is actual information, estimated information or forecast information. For information which is forecast or estimated provide the basis of the forecast or estimate information in the basis of preparation;	requirements listed in 1.2 (a) to (c)
	(b)	the units of measurement for parameters or values used to derive or infer values; and	
	(c)	whether the information is expressed in nominal, real or another basis and include the base year of information where relevant.	
1.3	All fir	nancial information provided in the regulatory templates must be:	Workbook 2 – Historical has been prepared in accordance with the
	(a) on a regulatory year basis, unless otherwise specified;		requirements listed in 1.3 (a) to (f) as applicable to actual or estimated information. The financial information provided in Workbook 2 does not
	(b)	actual or estimated financial information for the first four years of the current access arrangement period, with estimated financial information only included in the regulatory templates where the pipeline service provider certifies that it is not possible to provide actual historical information;	contain any forecast information for the current access arrangement period. Information provided in Workbook 1 contains only forecast financial
	(c)	forecast financial information for year five of the current access arrangement period, to be updated with actual information when that becomes available during the review;	information for the next access arrangement period as required in 1.3 (e).
	(d)	forecast information as appropriate for the 6 month period 1 January to 30 June 2023;	
	(e)	forecast financial information for the next access arrangement period; and	
	(f)	where required, actual financial information for the five years of the previous access arrangement period.	
1.4	1.4 All expenditure forecasts provided to the AER in response to this notice must be in real June 2023 dollars, unless specified otherwise.		MGN has complied with these requirements

Rec	quiren	nent	Response
1.5	All expenditure forecasts for the next access arrangement period provided to the AER in response to this notice must be in real June 2023 dollars and on a regulatory year basis, unless specified otherwise.		MGN has complied with these requirements.
1.6		storical financial information provided to the AER in response to notice must be in nominal dollars, unless specified otherwise.	All financial information provided in Workbook 2 – Historical is expressed in nominal dollars for the year in which the expenditure was incurred.
1.7	Provide any calculations used to convert real to nominal dollars or nominal to real dollars for the purposes of providing the information required under paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 above.		Please refer to Attachments 8.1 and 9.3 of the Final Plan.
			MGN has prepared all the workbooks required by the Notice, marked confidential information appropriately and complied with the naming
	(a)	complete and submit the workbooks and ensure they contain all information required by the <i>notice</i> . The file name for each of these workbooks is to contain the words 'Consolidated Information';	conventions.
	(b)	highlight all information that is subject to a confidentiality claim in each workbook using the confidentiality macro in the workbook. The file name for each of these workbooks is to contain the word 'Confidential';	
	(c)	copy all actual historical information into a new workbook. The file name for this workbooks is to contain the words 'Actual Information';	
	(d)	copy all estimated historical information into a new workbook. The file name for this workbooks is to contain the words 'Estimated Information'; and	
	(e)	prepare a public version of the consolidated version of each workbook.	

Reconciliation

			Attachment
Red	quiren	nent	Response
1.9	previously been reported to the AER: (a) this information must reconcile with the previously provided information; or (b) explain why the information does not reconcile with the		MGN has reclassified Project Service Renewal project expenditure from Other Capex to Mains Replacement in Workbook 2 for each year from 2017 to 2021. This 'capex driver' reclassification aligns with the Reactive Mains Replacement category classification and has no impact from a MGN RAB perspective.
		previously provided information.	MGN also has reclassified Customer Contributions totalling \$1.444 million in 2021 from Mains Replacement to Other Capex. There is also no impact from a MGN RAB perspective.
1.10	the r	tal expenditure and operating expenditure forecasts provided in regulatory templates must be reconciled to the ex-ante capital and ating allowances in PTRM for the next access arrangement period.	MGN has complied with these requirements.
1.11	pipel pipel infor	al capital and operating expenditure must be reconciled to the line service provider's audited statutory accounts. Where the line service provider is part of a corporate group that reports this mation at the corporate group level, the pipeline service provider	In relation to 1.11 amounts reported in Workbook 2 – Historical have been sourced from and reconciled to MGN's General Ledgers which contain the relevant account balances that are included in the Audited Statutory Accounts for Multinet Group Holdings Pty Ltd.
	must reconcile to the information reported at the corporate group level. Where reconciliation is at the corporate group level the pipeline service provider must:		Further, MGN has reconciled capex reported in Workbook 2 – Historical for to the additions in the fixed asset register and to related movements in Property, Plant & Equipment in the Audited Statutory Accounts.
	(a)	allocate statutory reported expenditures to the pipeline service provider and indicate the method of allocation;	MGNs processes for directly attributing or allocating expenditures, are set out in the CAM (Attachment 13) which was provided as part of the
	(b)	show calculations for any allocation; and	submission of the Annual RIN (for initial regulatory years 2011 to 2019)
	(c)	indicate where any changes in allocation method or calculations have occurred in relation to the historical data and how these changes have been adjusted for in the use of the data.	on 31 March 2021.
1.12	temp regul betw	enditure should only be reported once across the regulatory plates. Expenditure that may be allocated across multiple latory templates, including between capital expenditure purposes, ween operating expenditure categories or between capital enditure purposes and operating expenditure categories, should be	MGN has complied with these requirements.

Rec	uirement	Response
	allocated to the regulatory template that it most closely relates to in the pipeline service provider's audited statutory accounts.	
1.13	Where expenditure is recovered under another building block component allowances (e.g. cost of capital transaction costs) that could be classified as either operating expenditure or capital expenditure in regulatory or audited statutory accounts, demonstrate that this expenditure is only recovered once in the forecast total regulatory expenditure.	Please refer to Attachments 8.1 and 9.3 of the Final Plan.
Bas	is of Preparation	
1.14	The pipeline service provider must explain the basis upon which the pipeline service provider prepared information to populate the input cells (basis of preparation) for all information (other than forecast information) in the regulatory templates.	MGN has prepared a separate basis of preparation document for the historical information submitted in the templates. Please refer to RIN Attachment 2.
1.15	The basis of preparation must be a separate document (or documents) that the pipeline service provider submits with its completed regulatory templates.	MGN has prepared a separate basis of preparation document for the historical information submitted in the templates. Please refer to RIN Attachment 2.
1.16	The basis of preparation must follow a logical structure that enables auditors, assurance practitioners and the AER to clearly understand how the pipeline service provider has complied with the requirements of this notice.	MGN's Basis of Preparation document is structured using the same logical structure required by the RIN. Please refer to RIN Attachment 2.
1.17	At a minimum, the basis of preparation must meet the requirements of Schedule 4, paragraph 1.2.	MGN's Basis of Preparation meets these requirements. Please refer to RIN Attachment 2.
1.18	The pipeline service provider may provide additional detail beyond the minimum requirements if the pipeline service provider considers it may assist a user to gain an understanding of the information presented in the regulatory templates.	MGN has provided further explanation in the Basis of Preparation document where it was needed. Please refer to RIN Attachment 2.

Requirement	Response
1.19 When reporting an audit opinion report, review conclusion statement or making an attestation report on the regulatory templates presented by the pipeline service provider, an auditor or assurance practitioner shall opine or attest by reference to this notice and the pipeline service provider's basis of preparation.	The auditor engaged by MGN has attested reference to the Basis of Preparation in its audit opinions. Please refer to RIN Attachment 18 & 19.
Completing Workbooks	
 Entry of variables Variables in yellow cells 1.20 Cells coloured yellow require input. If a yellow cell is not applicable to the pipeline service provider the cell will be left blank as a "NULL" response. If the pipeline service provider wants to input a zero value, the input will be "0". 	MGN has completed all yellow cells in the templates. Where MGN was not able to complete templates that were not relevant or not applicable, the reasons for not providing the yellow cells has been explained in the Basis of Preparation.
Variables in grey cells	MGN has not populated any grey cells.
1.21 Cells coloured grey do not require input and must not be amended by the pipeline service provider. These cells either are not relevant to the pipeline service provider or contain formulae.	
Numerical inputs	MGN has reported on a one for one basis in the units required.
1.22 All amounts are to be unrounded and reported on a one for one basis: that is 1000 is to be entered as '1000', not '1' or '0.001'.	
Identification of confidential information	MGN has completed the workbooks as required and marked the
1.23 In respect of the regulatory templates, the pipeline service provider must:	confidential information appropriately. Please refer to relevant workbooks attached.
(a) complete the applicable Microsoft Excel Workbooks attached at Appendix A;	
(b) highlight all information that is subject to a confidentiality claim using the confidentiality macro in the workbooks;	

Requirer	ment	Response
(c)	prepare a public version of the workbooks that may be published by the AER;	
(d)	submit all Microsoft Excel Worksheets to us.	
1.24 In respect of all other information provided in response to this notice, the pipeline service provider must:		MGN has for all other information provided in response to this RIN, marked confidential information that is subject to a confidentiality claim
(a)	highlight all information that is subject to a confidentiality claim so that it can be clearly identified in print and electronic versions of the document; and	(Please refer to RIN Attachment 17) and prepared public versions of the workbooks (Please refer to relevant workbooks attached).
(b)	prepare a public version of the workbooks or documents that may be published by the AER.	

5.2 Part B: Instructions - Workbook 1 and Workbook 2

Requirement	Response
Cost Allocation Principles	
1.1 All costs that relate to or are incurred in the provision of <i>reference</i> services in the audited statutory accounts must be allocated to the pipeline service provider in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 3.	MGN has complied with this requirement.
1.2 A cost allocated to the <i>pipeline service provider</i> in response to paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 3, that is:	MGN has complied with this requirement.
(a) directly attributable to the pipeline service provider, is to be allocated to the pipeline service provider on that basis; or	
(b) not <i>directly attributable</i> to the <i>pipeline service provider</i> is to be allocated on a causation basis, unless the item is not <i>material</i> , using an appropriate allocator, and explained in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 3.	
1.3 Capital expenditure items are to be allocated to a capital expenditure purpose on a directly attributable basis or a causation basis using an appropriate allocator. Where this is not possible the capital expenditure is to be allocated using an appropriate allocator, and explained in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 3.	MGN has complied with this requirement.
1.4 Operating expenditure items are to be allocated to an activity area on a directly attributable basis or a causation basis using an appropriate allocator. Where this is not possible the operating expenditure is to be allocated using an appropriate allocator, and explained in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 3.	MGN has complied with this requirement.
Capital Base	
1.5 General:	Not applicable

Requirement Response (a) Asset revaluations or adjustments for impairment (whether increasing or decreasing asset values) are not permitted unless agreed to or required by the AER. (b) Revaluations or *adjustments* for impairment (whether increasing or decreasing asset values) made in the audited statutory accounts must not be made in the regulatory templates. (c) Capital expenditure must be allocated to a regulatory asset class and must not be shown under a work-in-progress heading. (d) Goodwill and any related impairments must not be included in the regulatory templates. **Customer and Government Contributions** 1.6 Customer contributions and government contributions treated as MGN has complied with this requirement. revenues in the audited statutory accounts and included in the value of assets must not be carried forward into the capital base, unless the AER has included the capital contributions in a final decision of the pipeline service provider's capital base. **Expenditure Summary** 2.1 Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data regulatory template E1. MGN has complied with this requirement. **Expenditure Summary instructions:** Please refer to RIN Attachments 3 and 4. (a) In table E1.1.1 for each *regulatory year*, the *capital expenditure* Please note that MGN has categorised Network Overheads under 'Table A. reported for each capital expenditure purpose is to be: Direct Internal Expenditure' for all capital expenditure categories. i.e (a) i to (i) For mains replacement capital expenditure the total of: v, viii & ix. A. the *capital expenditure* reported in *regulatory template* E2. Mains Repex - Table E2.1.1A, Table E2.1.1B, Table E2.1.1C and This is also relevant to (f) that in table E1.4.1 for each regulatory year, the Table E2.1.1E; and capitalised overheads for each capital expenditure purpose is not reported B. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E2. in Table D, but as mentioned above is reported in Table A. Mains Repex - Table E2.1.2A, Table E2.1.2B, Table E2.1.2C and

Table E2.1.2E.

Requirement Response

- (ii) For mains augmentation capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E3.

 Mains Augex Table E3.1A, Table E3.1B, Table E3.1C and Table E3.1E.
- (iii) For meter replacement capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.1A, Table E4.1.1B, Table E4.1.1C and Table E4.1.1E;
 - B. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.2A, Table E4.1.2B, Table E4.1.2C and Table E4.1.2E;
 - C. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.3A, Table E4.1.3B, Table E4.1.3C and Table E4.1.3E; and
 - D. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.4A, Table E4.1.4B, Table E4.1.4C and Table E4.1.4E.
- (iv) for connections capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E5. New Connections Table E5.1.1A, Table E5.1.1B, Table E5.1.1C and Table E5.1.1E.
- (v) For telemetry capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E6. Non-Network Table E6.5.1A, Table E6.5.1B, Table E6.5.1C and Table E6.5.1E. (vi) For capitalised network overheads the capital expenditure reported for reference services in regulatory template E10. Overheads Table E10.1.2.
- (vii) For capitalised corporate overheads the capital expenditure reported for reference services in regulatory template E10. Overheads Table E10.2.2.
- (viii) For ICT capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E12. ICT Table E12.1A, Table E12.1B, Table E12.1C and Table E12.1E.

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- (ix) For other capital expenditure the total of:
 - A. the capital expenditure reported in regulatory template E13. Other Capex Table E13.1A, Table E13.1B, Table E13.1C and Table E13.1E.
- (b) In table E1.1.1 for each *regulatory year*, the *capital expenditure* reported in *'capital contributions* included in the above' is the total of:
 - (i) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E2. Mains Repex Table E2.1.1F and Table E2.1.2F;
 - (ii) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E3. Mains Augex Table E3.1F;
 - (iii) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.1F, Table E4.1.2F, Table E4.1.3F and Table E4.1.4F;
 - (iv) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E5. New Connections Table E5.1.1F;
 - (v) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E6. Non-Network Table E6.5.1F:
 - (vi) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E12. ICT Table E12.1.1F; and
 - (vii) the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E13. Other Capex Table E13.1F.
- (c) In table E1.2.1 for each *regulatory year*, the *reference services operating expenditure* for each *operating expenditure category* is to reconcile with the operating expenditure reported in *regulatory template* E20. Opex Table 20.2.1.
- (d) In table E1.2.2 for each *regulatory year*, the *non-reference services operating expenditure* for each *operating expenditure category* is to reconcile with the operating expenditure reported in *regulatory template* E20. Opex Table 20.2.2.

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- (e) In table E1.3.1 for each *regulatory year*, the *capital contributions* for each *capital expenditure purpose* is to be:
 - (i) for mains replacement capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E2. Mains Repex Table E2.1.1F and Table E2.1.2F;
 - (ii) for mains augmentation capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E3. Mains Augex Table E3.1F;
 - (iii) for meter replacement capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.1F, Table E4.1.2F, Table E4.1.3F and Table E4.1.4F;
 - (iv) for connections capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E5. New Connections - Table E5.1.1F;
 - (v) for telemetry capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E6. Non-Network – Table E6.5.1F;
 - (vi) for ICT capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E12. ICT Table E12.1F; and
 - (vii) for other capital expenditure, the capital contributions reported in regulatory template E13. Other Capex Table E13.1F.
- (f) In table E1.4.1 for each regulatory year, the *capitalised overheads* for each *capital expenditure purpose* is to be:
 - (i) for mains replacement capital expenditure, the capitalised overheads reported in regulatory template E2. Mains Repex Table E2.1.1D and Table E2.1.2D;
 - (ii) for mains augmentation capital expenditure, the capitalised overheads reported in regulatory template E3. Mains Augex – Table E3.1D;
 - (iii) for meter replacement capital expenditure, the capitalised overheads reported in regulatory template E4. Meter Replacement Table E4.1.1D, Table E4.1.2D, Table E4.1.3D and Table E4.1.4D;
 - (iv) for connections capital expenditure, the capitalised overheads reported in regulatory template E5. New Connections - Table E5.1.1D;

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Conr	ections	s – Ca	pital Expenditure	
2.2			- Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, emplate E5. New Connections - Table E5.2 instructions:	Please refer to Chapter 9 and Attachments 9.3 and 9.6 of the Final Plan.
	(a)	FE 2.1 Unit rates. For example, if the forecast is based on.		Please refer to the Basis of Preparation, RIN attachment 2, for an explanation of the data contained in Workbook 2 Historical.
		(i)	Contracts – provide <i>documents</i> which show that the contract outcomes are the result of a competitive tender and the contracts which specify the amounts relied upon; or	
		(ii)	Cost build up – provide the excel sheet model with sufficient information that the cost assumptions may be tested.	
Main	s Augn	nentat	ion – Capital Expenditure	
2.3	Gene	ral:		MGN has complied with these requirements.
	(a)	conr to c	not include <i>mains augmentation</i> information relating to nections in this worksheet. <i>Mains augmentation</i> in relation onnections are to be reported in <i>regulatory template</i> E5. Connections (tables E5.1 and E5.2).	
2.4			1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, template E3. Mains Augex - Table E3.1 instructions:	MGN has complied with these requirements.

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- (a) List each mains augmentation project for which capital expenditure was incurred during the previous or current access arrangement period or for which capital expenditure is forecast to be incurred over the next access arrangement period, and the total cumulative capital expenditure over the life of the project is greater than or equal to \$500,000 (real \$June 2023) in regulatory template E3. Mains Augex.
- (b) For each *mains augmentation project* provided in response to 2.4(a), report the expenditure incurred or forecast to be incurred for each *regulatory year* in table E3.1; and the length of pipeline added or forecast to be added in table E3.2.
- (c) For each *mains augmentation project* listed in table E3.1 and E3.2, specify in the materials submitted to the *AER* or *basis of preparation*:
 - (i) an *internal identification code*, in order to report actual *capital expenditure* against forecast *capital expenditure*;
 - (ii) the asset class to which the project belongs. If the project has been allocated to multiple asset classes, provide the percentage allocations of the project to the asset classes; and
 - (iii) the *project* name used internally.
- (d) Provide the total *capital expenditure* for all *mains augmentation projects* in aggregate, for which *capital expenditure* was incurred during the *previous* or *current access arrangement period* or for which *capital expenditure* is forecast to be incurred over the *next access arrangement period*, and the total cumulative *capital expenditure* over the life of each *project* is less than \$500,000 (real \$June 2023).
- (e) Provide the length of pipeline for all *mains augmentation* projects in aggregate, for which capital expenditure was incurred during the previous or current access arrangement

Please note, forecast capital expenditure projects have not yet been assigned an internal identification code.

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> period or for which capital expenditure is forecast to be incurred over the next access arrangement period, and the total cumulative capital expenditure over the life of each project is less than \$500,000 (real \$June 2023).

The *capital expenditure* included in tables E3.1(A to E) are to be gross of capital contributions, with capital contributions separately reported in Table E3.1(F). Forecast capital expenditure must exclude escalation.

Mains Replacement Capital Expenditure

2.5 Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, MGN has complied with these requirements. regulatory template E2. Mains Repex - Table E2.1.1 and Table E2.2.1 instructions:

> List each proactive mains replacement project for which capital expenditure was incurred during the previous or current access arrangement period or for which capital expenditure is forecast to be incurred over the next access arrangement period, and the total cumulative capital expenditure over the life of the project is greater than or equal to \$500,000 (real \$June 2023),

For each proactive mains replacement project provided in response to 2.5(a), report the expenditure incurred or forecast to be incurred for each regulatory year in table E2.1.1; and the length of pipeline added or forecast to be added in table E2.2.1.

in *regulatory template* E2. Mains Repex.

- For each *proactive mains replacement project* listed in table E2.1.1 and E2.2.1, specify in the materials submitted to the AER or basis of preparation:
 - an internal identification code, in order to report actual capital expenditure against forecast capital expenditure;
 - the asset class to which the project belongs. If the project has been allocated to multiple asset classes,

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Meter Replacement

exclude escalation.

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2.7		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, latory template E4. Meter replacement - Table E4.1.3 instructions:	MGN has complied with these requirements.	
	(a)	The capital expenditure incurred for new meters acquired in the regulatory year is to be reported in table E4.1.1.		
	(b)	The capital expenditure incurred for meter installation for the regulatory year is to be exclusive of the unit cost of the new meter. The unit cost of the new meter is to be reported in table E4.1.1.		
	(c)	The <i>capital expenditure</i> incurred for new <i>meter</i> installations are inclusive of the expenditures to remove existing <i>meters</i> . If the existing <i>meters</i> are removed and not replaced, the removal expenditures incurred are to be treated as <i>operating expenditure</i> , and not reported in tables E4.1.1 to E4.1.4.		
2.8	regu	kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, latory template E4. Meter replacement – Table E4.1.1 to E4.1.4 uctions:	MGN has complied with these requirements.	
	(a)	The <i>capital expenditure</i> included in tables E4.1.1 to E4.1.4(A to E) are to be gross of <i>capital contributions</i> , with <i>capital contributions</i> separately reported in Table E4.1.1 to E4.1.4(F). Forecast <i>capital expenditure</i> must exclude escalation.		
Non-	Netwo	rk: Telemetry Capital Expenditure		
2.9	Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, regulatory template E6. Non Network - Table E6.5.1 instructions:		MGN has complied with these requirements.	
	(a)	List each <i>telemetry capital expenditure project</i> , for which <i>capital expenditure</i> was incurred during the previous or <i>current access arrangement period</i> or for which <i>capital expenditure</i> is forecast to be incurred over the <i>next access arrangement</i> , and the total cumulative <i>capital expenditure</i> over the life of the <i>project</i> is		

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		-	ter than or equal to \$500,000 (real \$June 2023), in latory template E6. Non Network.		
	(b)	respo	each telemetry capital expenditure project provided in onse to 2.9(a), report the expenditure incurred or forecast incurred for each regulatory year in table E6.5.1.		
	(c)	E6.5.	each <i>telemetry capital expenditure project</i> listed in table 1, specify in the materials submitted to the <i>AER</i> or <i>basis of aration</i> :		
		(i)	an <i>internal identification code</i> , in order to report actual <i>capital expenditure</i> against forecast <i>capital expenditure</i> ;		
		(ii)	the <i>asset class</i> to which the <i>project</i> belongs. If the <i>project</i> has been allocated to multiple <i>asset classes</i> , provide the percentage allocation of the <i>project</i> to the <i>asset classes</i> ; and		
		(iii)	the <i>project</i> name used internally.		
	(d)	aggre the p capit acces expe	de the total <i>capital expenditure</i> for all <i>telemetry projects</i> in egate, for which <i>capital expenditure</i> was incurred during previous or <i>current access arrangement period</i> or for which tal expenditure is forecast to be incurred over the <i>next as arrangement period</i> , and the total cumulative <i>capital anditure</i> over the life of each <i>project</i> is less than \$500,000 \$ June 2023).		
	(e)	be g sepa	capital expenditure included in Table E6.5.1 (A to E) are to pross of capital contributions, with capital contributions rately reported in Table E6.5.1(F). Forecast capital anditure must exclude escalation.		
2.10			1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, template E12. ICT - Table E12.1 instructions:	MGN has complied with these requirements.	
	(a)		each ICT project for which capital expenditure was incurred g the previous or current access arrangement period or for		

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which *capital expenditure* is forecast to be incurred over the *next access arrangement period*, and the total cumulative *capital expenditure* over the life of the *project* is greater than or equal to \$500,000 (real \$June 2021), in *regulatory template* E12. ICT.

- (b) For each *ICT project* provided in response to 2.10(a), report the expenditure incurred or forecast to be incurred for each *regulatory year* in table E12.1.
- (c) For each *ICT project* listed in table E12.1, specify in the materials submitted to the *AER* or *basis of preparation*:
 - (i) an *internal identification code*, in order to report actual *capital expenditure* against forecast *capital expenditure*;
 - (ii) the asset class to which the project belongs. If the project has been allocated to multiple asset classes, provide the percentage allocation of the project to the asset classes; and
 - (iii) the *project* name used internally.
- (d) Provide the total capital expenditure for all ICT projects in aggregate, for which capital expenditure was incurred during the previous or current access arrangement period or for which capital expenditure is forecast to be incurred over the next access arrangement period, and the total cumulative capital expenditure over the life of each project is less than \$500,000 (real \$June 2023).
- (e) The *capital expenditure* included in Table E12.1 (A to E) are to be gross of *capital contributions*, with *capital contributions* separately reported in Table E12.1(F). Forecast *capital expenditure* must exclude escalation.

Non-Network: Other Capital Expenditure

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2.11	1 Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, N regulatory template E13. Other Capex - Table E13.1 instructions:			MGN has complied with these requirements.
	(a)	expe arrai to be cumi great	each other capital expenditure project, for which capital enditure was incurred during the previous or current access agement period or for which capital expenditure is forecast a incurred over the next access arrangement, and the total culative capital expenditure over the life of the project is ter than or equal to \$500,000 (real \$June 2023), in latory template E13. Other Capex.	
	(b)	to 2.	each other capital expenditure project provided in response 11(a), report the expenditure incurred or forecast to be red for each regulatory year in table E13.1.	
	(c)	spec	each other capital expenditure project listed in table E13.1, ify in the materials submitted to the AER or basis of aration:	
		(i)	an internal identification code, in order to report actual capital expenditure against forecast capital expenditure;	
		(ii)	the <i>asset class</i> to which the <i>project</i> belongs. If the <i>project</i> has been allocated to multiple <i>asset classes</i> , provide the percentage allocation of the <i>project</i> to the <i>asset classes</i> ; and	
		(iii)	the <i>project</i> name used internally.	
	(d)	expe was perio over capit	de the total <i>capital expenditure</i> for all <i>other capital enditure projects</i> in aggregate, for which <i>capital expenditure</i> incurred during the previous or <i>current access arrangement of</i> or for which <i>capital expenditure</i> is forecast to be incurred the next <i>access arrangement</i> , and the total cumulative tal expenditure over the life of each <i>project</i> is less than 1,000 (real \$June 2023).	

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	(e)	The <i>capital expenditure</i> included in Table E13.1 (A to E) are to be gross of <i>capital contributions</i> , with <i>capital contributions</i> separately reported in Table E13.1(F). Forecast <i>capital expenditure</i> must exclude escalation.	
Capit	alised	Overheads Expenditure	
 2.12 General: (a) Ensure capital expenditure: (i) is consistent with the pipeline service provider's cost allocation method and capitalisation policy; and (ii) reconciles to the pipeline service provider s audited statutory accounts. (b) Set out any additional working calculations used to derive data that are allocated into particular columns in supporting 		 Ensure capital expenditure: (i) is consistent with the pipeline service provider's cost allocation method and capitalisation policy, and (ii) reconciles to the pipeline service provider s audited statutory accounts. Set out any additional working calculations used to derive data 	Capitalised overheads expenditure reported in Workbook 2 – Historical is consistent with MGN's Cost Allocation Methodology and Capitalisation Policy. Further, the amounts of capitalised overheads reported has been reconciled to the annual movements in the MGN fixed assets register and related movements in Property, Plant & Equipment in MGN Limited's statutory accounts. Please also refer to Attachment 9.3 of the Final Plan.
Opera	ating E	Expenditure	
2.13	Gene (a)	the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must provide reconciliation of the <i>operating expenditure</i> forecasts provided in the <i>regulatory templates</i> to the operating allowances in the <i>PTRM</i> for the <i>next access arrangement period</i> .	AGN has complied with this requirement.
2.14		 Abook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E20. Opex - E20.1 instructions: specify the forecast of the: (i) efficient operating expenditure at the end of the current access arrangement period in dollars; 	MGN has complied with this requirement. Please refer to Chapter 8 and Attachment 8.1 of the Final Plan.

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		(ii)	effect of real price growth on <i>operating expenditure</i> in dollars;	
		(iii)	effect of output growth on <i>operating expenditure</i> in dollars;	
		(iv)	effect of productivity growth on <i>operating expenditure</i> in dollars;	
		(v)	value of <i>category specific forecasts</i> that year in dollars; and	
		(vi)	value of step changes to occur that year in dollars.	
	(b)	the ta	rence the supporting information for the data input into able. The required supporting information is set out in graphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 2 of this <i>notice</i> .	
2.15	Workbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E20. Opex - Table E20.2 instructions:			Not applicable
	(a)		ach <i>regulatory year</i> specify the <i>operating expenditure</i> , sive of <i>related party margins</i> forecast to be incurred;	
	(b)	relate policy	ach <i>regulatory year</i> where the insurance expenditure es to a deductible or an excess on a commercial insurance y, specify the amount, of deductible risk to which the <i>line service provider</i> was or is forecast to be exposed; and	
	(c)	the ta	ence the supporting information for the data input into able. The required supporting information is set out in graph 4 and 5 of Schedule 2 of this <i>notice</i> .	
2.16			1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E20. Opex - 3 instructions:	Not applicable
	(a)		ach year specify the <i>related party margin</i> expenditure ast to be incurred; and	

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	(b)	The <i>pipeline service provider</i> is to reference the supporting information for the data input into the table. The required supporting information is set out in paragraph 4 and 5 of Schedule 2 of this <i>notice</i> .	
Ancill	lary Re	eference Services	
2.17		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E21. ARS uctions:	Not applicable
	(a)	if the <i>pipeline service provider</i> changes the ancillary <i>reference service</i> categories, the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must amend and backcast the data for all categories.	
2.18		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E21. ARS - e E21.1 instructions:	MGN has complied with this requirement.
	(a)	ensure that the data provided reconciles to any applicable internal planning models.	
2.19		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template E21. ARS -e E21.3 instructions:	MGN has complied with this requirement.
	(a)	for each year and for each <i>reference service</i> category specify the <i>operating expenditure</i> incurred, or expected to be incurred by the <i>pipeline service provider</i> for services provided; and	
	(b)	ensure that the data provided reconciles to <i>internal planning models</i> used in generating the <i>pipeline service provider</i> 's proposed <i>revenue</i> requirements.	
Reve	nue		
2.20		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template F3. Revenue uctions:	(a) and (f) Not applicable MGN has complied with this requirement.
	(a)	if the <i>pipeline service provider</i> changes the tariff or <i>customer</i> type, the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must amend and backcast the	· · · · ·

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data for all categories, and duplicate the relevant table to provide historical data based on the tariff or *customer* type that applied at that time.

- (b) In table F3.1.1 for each *regulatory year*, the *pipeline service* provider must forecast the revenue to be earnt for each haulage reference services tariff during the regulatory year. The tariffs used for each year are to be mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.
- (c) In table F3.1.2 for each *regulatory year*, the *pipeline service provider* must forecast the stand alone cost per unit for each *haulage reference services* tariff listed in table F3.1.1.
- (d) In table F3.1.3 for each *regulatory year*, the *pipeline service provider* must forecast the avoidable cost per unit for each haulage reference services tariff listed in table F3.1.1.
- (e) In table F3.2 for each *regulatory year*, the *pipeline service provider* must forecast the revenue to be earnt for each *ancillary reference services* category during the *regulatory year*. The *ancillary reference service* categories are to be mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.
- (f) In table F3.3 for each regulatory year, the pipeline service provider must forecast the revenue to be earnt for each rebateable services category during the regulatory year. The rebateable services categories are to be mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.
- (g) In table F3.4 for each *regulatory year* the *pipeline service provider* must forecast the revenue to be earnt for each *non-reference services* category during the *regulatory year*. These *non-reference services* categories are to be mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.

Customer Numbers

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2.21	Gene	ral:		Not applicable
	(a)	type,	e pipeline service provider changes the tariff or customer the pipeline service provider must amend and backcast lata for all categories.	
2.22			1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template S1. Customer Table S1.1 instructions:	MGN has complied with this requirement.
	(a)		ach <i>regulatory year,</i> the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must rt for each <i>customer</i> category listed in table S1.1:	
		(i)	the total <i>customer connections</i> in the <i>regulatory year</i> , and	
		(ii)	total customer disconnections in the regulatory year.	
	(b)		customer number on the last day of each regulatory year ach customer category listed in table S1.1 is the total of:	
		(i)	the <i>customer</i> number on the first day of each <i>regulatory year</i> ,	
		(ii)	plus (+) the total <i>customer connections</i> in the <i>regulatory year</i> , and	
		(iii)	less (-) the total <i>customer disconnections</i> in the <i>regulatory year</i> .	
	(c)	betw cateo cateo all	pipeline service provider must check that the difference reen the total number of connections across all customer gories and the total number of disconnections across all gories equals the total number of new connections across customer categories (in <i>regulatory template</i> E5 - nections). If it does not, explain the difference.	

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- for each *regulatory year*, the *pipeline service provider* must report for each *haulage reference services tariff*:
 - (i) in table S1.2.3 the total number of new and existing customers who have started using the *tariff*; and
 - (ii) in table S1.2.4 the total number of existing customers who are no longer using the *tariff*.
- (b) The *customer* number on the last day of each *regulatory year* for each tariff listed in table \$1.2.2 is the total of:
 - (iv) the *customer* number on the first day of each *regulatory year* reported in table \$1.2.1;
 - (v) plus (+) the total number of new and existing customers who have started using the tariff reported in table S1.2.3; and
 - (vi) less (-) the total number of existing customers who are no longer using the tariff reported in table \$1.2.4.
- (c) The pipeline service provider must check that the difference between the total number of connections across all tariffs and the total number of disconnections across all tariffs equals the total number of new connections across all tariffs (in *regulatory template* E5 - Connections). If it does not, explain the difference.

Consumption and Demand

2.24 General: Not applicable

(a) if the *pipeline service provider* changes the tariff or *customer* type for the *next access arrangement period*, the *pipeline service provider* must amend and backcast the data for all categories, and duplicate the relevant table to provide

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		historical data based on the tariff or <i>customer</i> type that applied at that time.		
2.25		kbook 1 – Reset (forecast) data, regulatory template N1. Demand uctions:	MGN has complied with this requirement.	
	(a)	for each <i>regulatory year</i> , the <i>pipeline service provider</i> in table N1.1 must provide the volumes of gas metered delivered, or forecast to be delivered by <i>haulage reference services</i> for all customer categories listed.		
	(b)	for each <i>regulatory year</i> , the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must provide in table N1.2 the volumes of gas metered delivered, or forecast to be delivered by <i>haulage reference services</i> tariffs.		
		For each <i>regulatory year</i> the <i>pipeline service provider</i> in table N1.2 is to provide all applicable tariffs. The tariffs used for each year are to be mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.		
Relat	ed Pa	rty Margin		
2.26	Gene	eral:	Not applicable	
	(a)	the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must provide in Workbook 1 – Forecast data and Workbook 2 – Historical data, regulatory templates E2 to E6, E12, E13 and E20 the <i>related party margin</i> a <i>related party</i> gains above its total actual costs in a <i>related party transaction</i> with the <i>pipeline service provider</i> .		
	(b)	The <i>pipeline service provider</i> must provide the <i>related party margin</i> , irrespective of whether the <i>related party margin</i> is reported initially by the <i>related party</i> to the <i>pipeline service</i>		

provider in its accounting records.

5.3 Part C: Instructions - Workbook 3 and Workbook 4

Requirement	Response
EFFICIENCY CARRYOVER MECHANISM	
1.1 To determine the incentive impact of the <i>pipeline service provider's operating expenditures</i> in the <i>current access arrangement period</i> , the <i>pipeline service provider</i> must provide the required <i>operating expenditure</i> data in <i>Workbook 3 – Efficiency carryover mechanism</i> .	MGN has complied with this requirement.
INDICATIVE IMPACT ON ANNUAL GAS BILLS	
2.1 General: (a) For the purposes of calculating the impact of the <i>pipeline service</i> provider's access arrangement proposal on the annual gas bill of typical residential and business customers in South Australia, provide the data/information required in Workbook 4 – Indicative bill impact, regulatory template Indicative Bill Impact.	MGN has complied with this requirement.
2.2 Workbook 4 – Indicative bill impact, regulatory template Indicative bill impact - instructions:	
(a) complete the yellow cells in Table 1 Typical Gas Bill and Table 2Indicative Annual Average Distribution Price Impact;(b) provide the data source for each input used for the calculation; and(c) outline the assumptions underlying the calculations.	