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Mr Sebastian Roberts  
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Dear Mr Roberts

The extensions and expansions policy of the Victorian Transmission System (VTS) access arrangement requires APA VTS to apply to the AER in the event of an extension to the pipeline to determine whether the extension will be taken to form part of the covered pipeline.

I would like to advise you that APA VTS is currently extending the Longford Gas Pipeline to facilitate the connection of the Tasmanian Gas Pipeline as a new injection point into the Declared Transmission System. The works involve a new 300mm diameter pipeline, connecting to an existing 600mm diameter portion of the Longford Gas Pipeline. The new pipeline effectively extends the Longford Gas Pipeline by 625.9 metres. A diagram of the extension is provided with this letter. The new portion of pipeline is expected to come into operation in the second half of November 2016.

APA VTS believes that this extension should form part of the covered pipeline for the purposes of the access arrangement in place for the VTS. In practice, the extension is similar to that for the connection of the 'Vichub' injection point, and APA VTS proposes to treat this new injection point in the same terms.

APA notes that the AER's decision on the approach to this extension under the extension and expansion policy is relevant to APA VTS's access arrangement revision proposal, due to be submitted on 1 January 2017. As such, your early advice on this matter would be appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9275 0020 if you would like to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Curran', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alexandra Curran