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To whom it may concern

Proposed Revisions to the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems Access Arrangement for 2020 to 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the above *Draft Decision on Proposed Revisions to the Access Arrangement for the Western Power Network*. The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) WA is the peak body representing the property development industry in Western Australia. UDIA is a membership organisation with members drawn from the residential, commercial and industrial property development sectors. UDIA members include both private and public sector organisations. Our industry represents approximately 12.3% of Western Australia's Gross State Product, contributing \$30.45 billion annually to the Western Australian economy and \$251.7 billion nationally. As well as helping to create sustainable and liveable communities, the industry employs a total of 228,500 Western Australians and over 2 million Australians across the country.

UDIA and ATCO share a common interest in the reliable, safe and efficient supply of gas for Western Australian homes and industry. The Institute understands that the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is currently considering ATCO Access Arrangements for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems (GDS).

ATCO recently advised the Institute of its proposal to introduce a new development rebate scheme to form part of the extension and expansion requirements. UDIA strongly supports this scheme as it will help overcome some of the cost barriers to providing reticulated gas, connected to the GDS in commercial subdivisions. This will also help ensure the long term viability of commercial areas as the commercial and industrial operators with those areas evolve over time.

Should the ERA require any assistance or further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at cgreen@udiawa.com.au or 9215 3400.

Yours sincerely



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