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Executive General Manager, Corporate and Regulation,  
Australian Gas Networks Limited  
Level 6, 400 King William Street, Adelaide, SA 5000

By [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**Re: Part 10 exemption application – Palm Valley to Alice Springs Gas Transmission Pipeline – Pine Gap Service Lateral**

I refer to your application dated 16 November 2023 for Category 1 and Category 2 exemptions under Part 10 of the National Gas Rules (NGR).

The AER has assessed the application and supporting information and is not satisfied that the Palm Valley to Alice Springs Gas Transmission Pipeline – Pine Gap Service Lateral meets the criteria of 'not a third-party access' pipeline and thereby, is ineligible for a Category 1 Part 10 exemption.

Accordingly, Australian Gas Networks Limited must publish service and access information, standing terms and actual prices payable information in accordance with Part 10 of the NGR and the pipeline information disclosure guidelines.

However, the AER has determined to **grant a Category 2 Part 10 exemption** for the Palm Valley to Alice Springs Gas Transmission Pipeline – Pine Gap Service Lateral. This exemption is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter i.e., 12 July 2029.

A Category 2 Part 10 exemption means that the Palm Valley to Alice Springs Gas Transmission Pipeline – Pine Gap Service Lateral is exempt<sup>1</sup> from obligations to publish financial information, historical demand information and a cost allocation methodology<sup>2</sup> under the information disclosure requirements stated in Subdivision 1 Division 2 Part 10 of the NGR.

As required by NGR rule 102(7), please notify the AER if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption. Rule 102(6) requires the AER to maintain a public register of Part 10 exemptions.

Barring personal information, details in your submitted Part 10 application form and responses in your emails may be published on the register along with this response.

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<sup>1</sup> NGR, r. 102(4) of Part 10

<sup>2</sup> NGR, r. 101D

Please contact [REDACTED] if we can assist further.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager, A/g Policy Branch  
Sent by email on: 12.07.2024