

Chris Spangaro
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Australian Energy Market Commission
Level 6, 201 Elizabeth Street Sydney
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By electronic lodgement

Thursday, 9 April 2015

Dear Mr Spangaro,

RE: Removal of the Gas Bulletin Board emergency information page (Ref GRC0031)

GDF SUEZ Australian Energy (GDFSAE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed change to the National Gas Rules to remove the requirement for the Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) to include an emergency information page.

GDFSAE understands that since the establishment of the GBB, the National Gas Emergency Response Advisory Committee (NGERAC) has come to the view that the GBB emergency information page is not needed, and that the ongoing costs and complexity of maintaining the emergency information page are not warranted.

GDFSAE notes that the GBB emergency information page was established at the inception of the GBB to assist the NGERAC in managing gas market incidents. GDFSAE understands that the proposed Rule change has been discussed and agreed by the NGERAC, and that the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has agreed to maintain static emergency information and material on the GBB. This is intended to consolidate all relevant emergency management protocols and procedures into a single web page to facilitate stakeholder's access and application.

GDFSAE agrees that since the GBB emergency information page has been found to be unnecessary in managing gas market incidents, it should be removed from the GBB. GDFSAE also supports the proposal for AEMO to establish and maintain static emergency information material on the GBB.

GDFSAE trusts that the comments provided in this response are of assistance to the AEMC in its deliberations. Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on, telephone, 03 9617 8331.

Yours sincerely,



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