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The Executive Officer  
National Gas Pipelines Advisory Committee  
Level 13, Wakefield House  
30 Wakefield Street  
**ADELAIDE SA 5000**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Amendment to the National Third Party Access Code for Natural Gas Pipeline Systems**

NT Gas welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Code initiated by Epic Energy.

NT Gas supports the taking of any steps necessary to overcome regulatory uncertainty in relation to the development of new pipelines, particularly where those steps are consistent with the objectives of the National Access Regime – providing access to third parties on fair and reasonable terms, development of competition in the upstream and downstream markets, and establishment of a “level playing field” for all shippers and retailers who require pipeline services.

Given that Option A will achieve these objectives, and in the timeframe necessary for several major developments in Australia to proceed, NT Gas endorses the amendment of the Code in accordance with Option A.

Yours faithfully

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**GENERAL MANAGER**