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Ruth :-

As a major consumer of natural gas in Port Kembla, we were heartened to note in AGLGN's draft Access Arrangement issued early this year the reductions in capacity reservation charges proposed by AGLGN for the particular zone which our operations are in. This followed on from increases in these charges which were the end result of the 1999/00 to 2003/04 Access Arrangement.

We were however subsequently concerned to note that IPART had extended the period they require to make their final determination, so that we would not begin to enjoy these (long awaited) reductions until 1 January 2005. Now we note that the Tribunal has extended this by a further 3 months, to 1 April 2005.

Why the need for the extra time ? What mechanism does the Tribunal propose to "recover" the overcharged network revenue which AGLGN will receive from our operations for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005 ?

We would appreciate hearing back from the Tribunal on these concerns. We would also appreciate being kept informed of any further developments in this review, and in particular if there is any possibility of a further delay in these new Access Arrangements coming into force.

Regards
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