
Gas Supply Act 2003



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

No. DA-A-007 issued to
AUSTRALIAN GAS NETWORKS
LIMITED

ACN 078 551 685

Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

*Originally issued on 2 July 2004
and amended on 31 August 2006
and amended on 18 September 2006
and amended on 19 December 2012
and amended on 21 April 2015
and amended on 11 January 2016
and amended on 8 December 2017
and further amended on the date
of signing shown on page 5 herein*

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Unless the contrary appears, words used in this Distribution Authority have the meaning given in the Act or the Regulation.
- 1.2 In this Distribution Authority—
- ‘Act’** means the *Gas Supply Act 2003*;
- ‘Distributor’** means Australian Gas Networks Limited (ACN 078 551 685); and
- ‘Regulation’** means the *Gas Supply Regulation 2007* and any other regulation made under the Act.
- 1.3 A reference to an Act, regulation or other document is a reference to that Act, regulation or document as amended from time to time.
[as amended on 19 December 2012 and 21 April 2015]

2. ISSUE OF DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

- 2.1 Pursuant to section 327 of the Act, Envestra (Qld) Ltd was, on 1 July 2003, taken to have been issued Area Distribution Authorities for the distribution areas stated in Schedule 3, Part 1, Division 4 of the Act.
- 2.2 On 2 July 2004, the Regulator:
- (a) pursuant to section 334 of the Act, consolidated the Area Distribution Authorities stated in Schedule 3, Part 1, Division 4 of the Act and imposed further conditions on the consolidated Area Distribution Authority;
 - (b) pursuant to section 56 of the Act, amended the consolidated Area Distribution Authority; and
 - (c) pursuant to section 69 of the Act, transferred the consolidated and amended Area Distribution Authority to the Distributor, with effect from the day the amended Area Distribution Authority was issued to the Distributor.
- 2.3 On 19 December 2012, pursuant to section 56 of the Act, the Regulator approved the amended Area Distribution Authority, as described in Schedule 1 of this Area Distribution Authority.
- 2.4 On 21 April 2015, pursuant to section 56 of the Act, the Area Distribution Authority was amended to reflect that Envestra Limited had changed its name to Australian Gas Networks Limited, and an amended Area Distribution Authority (‘the Authority’) was issued to Australian Gas Networks Limited.

- 2.5 On 11 January 2016, pursuant to section 56 of the Act, MAP 130 of the Area Distribution Authority was amended to MAP 130A to reflect the amended distribution area, and an amended Area Distribution Authority was issued to Australian Gas Networks Limited.
- 2.6 On the 8 December 2017, pursuant to section 56 of the Act, MAP 173 of the Area Distribution Authority was amended to MAP 173A to reflect the amended distribution area, and an amended Area Distribution Authority was issued to Australian Gas Networks Limited.
- 2.7 On the date of signing shown on page 5, pursuant to section 56 of the Act, MAP 126 of the Area Distribution Authority was amended to MAP 126A to reflect the amended distribution area, and an amended Area Distribution Authority was issued to Australian Gas Networks Limited.
- 2.8 Following the amendments made to the *Gas Supply Act 2003* (pursuant to s.115 of the *Electricity Competition and Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2014* (Qld) which repealed s.23), from 1 July 2015, references to an ‘Area Distribution Authority’ within this document are taken to be references to a ‘Distribution Authority’ as defined under s.21 of the *Gas Supply Act 2003*.
- 2.9 The Authority authorises the Distributor to transport processed natural gas using the Distributor’s distribution systems and provide customer connection services to the premises of customers within the distribution areas described in Schedule 1 of this Authority.

[as amended on 19 December 2012, 21 April 2015, 11 January 2016, 8 December 2017 and on the date of signing shown on page 5]

3. CONDITIONS OF DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

- 3.1 Chapter 2, Part 1, Division 2 of the Act sets out the conditions under which the Distributor must operate.
- 3.2 The Act also provides that additional conditions may be stated in the Authority.
- 3.3 Clauses 4 to 10 herein are conditions of the Authority.

4. TERM

- 4.1 The Authority commenced on 2 July 2004.
- 4.2 The Authority continues in force unless surrendered or cancelled under the Act.
[as amended on 21 April 2015]

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 5.1 The Distributor must at all times comply with the Act, the Regulation and other applicable laws.

- 5.2 It is the responsibility of the Distributor to develop and maintain familiarity with the relevant provisions of the Act, Regulation and other applicable laws (including documents referred to therein) as amended from time to time.
- 5.3 The Distributor must ensure each person acting under the Authority complies with the conditions of the Authority.

6. PLANS, PROTOCOLS, STANDARDS AND CODES

The Distributor, on the written notice of the Minister or Regulator, must participate to the extent reasonably required by the Minister or Regulator in the development, issue and review of plans, protocols, standards and codes applicable to the Distributor.

7. INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Distributor must provide the Minister or Regulator in the form and manner decided by the Minister or Regulator, any information the Minister or Regulator reasonably requests relating to the Distributor's activities conducted under or in connection with the Authority.
- 7.2 The Distributor must provide information requested under clause 7.1 as soon as possible, but in any case by no later than:
- (a) a date prescribed in the Act;
 - (b) a date stated in an approved form; or
 - (c) a reasonable date specified in the request.
- 7.3 If the Distributor is the holder of a corresponding authority, the Distributor must give the Regulator authorisation to seek information from the person administering the corresponding authority, provided that the information sought by the Regulator:
- (a) relates to activities of the Distributor conducted under, or in connection with, the corresponding authority; and
 - (b) is reasonably required by the Regulator to assess the Distributor's suitability to hold a Distribution Authority in Queensland.

8. ENTRY REPORTING

- 8.1 The Distributor must, within one month of exercising an entry power under Section 139 of the Act (*Power to enter to make gas infrastructure safe*) or Section 140 of the Act (*Power to enter for emergency*), notify the Regulator in the approved form and manner.
- 8.2 In addition to any notification under Clause 8.1, the Distributor must submit to the Regulator, each year and in the approved form and manner, a report on the exercise of entry powers under Section 139 of the Act (*Power to enter to make*

gas infrastructure safe) and Section 140 of the Act (*Power to enter for emergency*).

- 8.3 The annual entry report under Clause 8.2 must be submitted whether or not an entry power has been exercised during the period to which the report relates.
- 8.4 The annual entry report must be submitted by 31 October and cover the preceding financial year ending 30 June.
[as amended on 31 August 2006]

9. ANNUAL REPORT

- 9.1 The Distributor must submit an annual report to the Regulator each year in the approved form and manner.
- 9.2 The annual report must be submitted by 31 October and cover the preceding financial year ending 30 June.

10. DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY FEES

- 10.1 The annual fees to be paid by the Distributor are prescribed under the Regulation.
- 10.2 On or before the last day of June in each year, or such other date as advised in writing by the Regulator, the Distributor must pay the annual fee for that year ending 30 June.

Dated this...23rd...day of... February...2018



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(as delegate of the Regulator under the *Gas Supply Act 2003*)

SCHEDULE 1

Distribution Areas

1. The distribution areas are as follows:
 - 1.1 Brisbane North, as delineated in Map GAS126A held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.2 Ipswich, as delineated in Map GAS173A held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.3 Gladstone, as delineated in Map GAS128 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.4 Rockhampton, as delineated in Map GAS129 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.5 Bundaberg, as delineated in Map GAS130A held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.6 Maryborough-Hervey Bay, as delineated in Map GAS131 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.7 Grantham, as delineated in Map GAS132 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹;
 - 1.8 Coominya, as delineated in Map GAS133 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹; and
 - 1.9 Townsville, as delineated in Map GAS171 held by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy¹.

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2. The Distributor's distribution systems within the distribution areas will be known as:
 - 2.1 for Brisbane North, the *Australian Gas Networks Brisbane North Distribution Network*;
 - 2.2 for Ipswich, the *Australian Gas Networks Ipswich Distribution Network*;
 - 2.3 for Gladstone, the *Australian Gas Networks Gladstone Distribution Network*;
 - 2.4 for Rockhampton, the *Australian Gas Networks Rockhampton Distribution Network*;
 - 2.5 for Bundaberg, the *Australian Gas Networks Bundaberg Distribution Network*;
 - 2.6 for Maryborough-Hervey Bay, the *Australian Gas Networks Maryborough-Hervey Bay Distribution Network*;
 - 2.7 for Grantham, the *Australian Gas Networks Grantham Distribution Network*;

¹ The maps are available for inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Level 8, 1 William St, Brisbane.

- 2.8 for Coominya, the *Australian Gas Networks Coominya Distribution Network*; and
- 2.9 for Townsville, the *Australian Gas Networks Townsville Distribution Network*.

[as amended on 18 September 2006 and 21 April 2015]