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NATIONAL GAS (ACT) BILL 2008

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Amendment to the National Gas (ACT) 2008 Bill

PURPOSE

An amendment to ensure that the National Gas (ACT) 2008 Act commences at the same time as the South Australian National Gas Lead Legislation.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The object of this amendment is to ensure that the *National Gas (ACT) 2008 Act* commences on the commencement of the *National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008*.

All jurisdictions, including the ACT, are committed to the National Gas Law and Rules commencing on 1 July 2008.

Accordingly to the CoAG Australian Energy Market Agreement, the National Gas Law will not be able to commence in any jurisdictions until the ACT's application legislation is in place.

Part 2 Commencement

Clause 1 will ensure that the *National Gas (ACT) 2008 Act* commences, or is taken to have commenced, on the commencement of the *National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008* (SA), section 7 (Application of National Gas Law).

Clause 2 (a) covers the commencement of the *Offshore Petroleum Act 2006* (Cwlth), section 7 (Offshore areas)

Clause 2 (b) covers the interpretation of some terms in National Gas (ACT) Law and National Gas (ACT) Regulation as they apply to the application of National Gas Law.