



Gas Services Information Rule Change Proposal Submission Form

GRC_2014_01 GSI Fee Arrangements – Inclusion of Registered Production Facility Operators

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Submission

1. Describe the concern with the existing GSI Rules that is to be addressed by the proposed rule change

Alinta Energy (Alinta) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in response to the proposed GSI fee arrangements used to recover the cost of providing GSI services.

Background

Alinta understands GSI fees are currently recovered from registered shippers only. Nonetheless, it is well recognised that multiple parties benefit from these services; including Government, new market entrants, and some industry participants whom are both shippers and producers.

As such, the proposed amendment intends to introduce an alternative recovery methodology in which GSI fees are recovered from both shippers and producers, improving the existing shortcoming by distributing costs more equitably amongst those whom ultimately benefit from GSI services.

The new GSI fee schedule is proposed to be based on a 50-50 split between shippers and producers whereby fees are apportioned on a volumetric basis of the total gas flows of individual participants.

Alinta's View

Alinta broadly supports the new GSI fee structure and the proposed volumetric approach to splitting costs and considers that the proposal will result in a more equitable cost recovery arrangement.