

NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION UTILITY
(TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL) RULES, 2007

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IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Energy Commission by section 28 of the Energy Commission Act 1997, (Act 541) these Rules are made this 5th day of December, 2007.

Operations

Scope

1. These Rules set out the working principles which govern
 - (a) the natural gas transmission utility's relations with a shipper, wholesale supplier, bulk customer or distribution company; and
 - (b) the day to day operation and maintenance of the transmission system.

Framework Agreement

2. (1) A person who intends to engage in commercial operations in the natural gas industry shall enter into a framework agreement with the utility.
 - (2) A framework agreement shall bind the parties in respect of the following
 - (a) the procedure to obtain and terminate transmission and interconnection services for natural gas;
 - (b) the method of response to request for the utility's services; and
 - (c) maps and diagrams of the utility's facilities in the country as required under section 24 (2) (c) of the Act.
 - (3) The framework agreement shall be lodged with the Commission before the commencement of any commercial operations.

Operating responsibilities

3. The utility shall
 - (a) install and operate a national natural gas transmission pipeline system that transports natural gas to natural gas distribution companies, storage facilities and bulk customers;
 - (b) ensure the safe and reliable operation of the natural gas transmission system;
 - (c) transport natural gas for a fee to local distribution companies licensed by the Energy Commission and bulk customers without discrimination; and
 - (d) pay tariffs approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission, in accordance with section 24(1)(b) of the Act.

