Modification of Minister’s Approval

Section 75W of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure under delegation from the Minister enforced from 1st October, 2011, the Planning Assessment Commission of New South Wales (the Commission) approves the project application referred to in Schedule 1, subject to the conditions specified in Schedule 2.

These conditions are required to:
- prevent, minimise, and/or offset adverse environmental impacts;
- set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance;
- require regular monitoring and reporting; and
- provide for the ongoing environmental management of the project.

Gabrielle Kibble AO
Member of the Commission

Sydney 14 March 2012

SCHEDULE 1

Project Approval: MP07_0023 granted by the Minister for Planning on 2 December 2008

For the following: The Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Utilisation Project comprising the construction and operation of gas gathering systems, gas compression facilities, a 32 kilometre buried gas flow line and expansion and operation of the Wilga Park gas fired power station.

Modification: MP07_0023 (Mod2): To modify the approval to allow the temporary use of the gas pipeline for the transfer of water.
SCHEDULE 2

APPROVAL CONDITIONS

Delete the paragraph ‘Project’ from Schedule 1: Project description and replace with:

Project: The Narrabri Coal Seam Gas utilisation project, comprising the:
  • construction and operation of gas gathering systems at the Bibblewindi and Bohena Coal Seam Gas Pilots;
  • construction and operation of gas compression facilities at the Bibblewindi and Bohena Coal Seam Gas Pilots;
  • construction and operation of an approximately 32 kilometre buried gas and/or water flow line between the Bibblewindi and Bohena Pilot and the Wilga Park Power Station; and
  • the staged expansion and operation of the Wilga Park (base load) gas-fired power station from a capacity of 12 megawatts to 40 megawatts, fuelled by coal seam gas extracted from the Bibblewindi and Bohena Coal Seam Gas Pilots.

Delete condition 1.1 g) and replace with

1.1 g) Review of Environmental Factors – Temporary Lifted Water Management – Bibblewindi Pond 3 prepared by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd for Eastern Star Gas Limited (A Santos Limited Company) and dated 25 January 2012; and

  h) the conditions of this approval.

Delete condition 1.2 and replace with

1.2 In the event of an inconsistency between:
  a) the conditions of this approval and any document listed from condition 1.1a) and 1.1g) inclusive, the conditions of this approval shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency; and
  b) any document listed from condition 1.1a) and 1.1g) inclusive, and any other document listed from condition 1.1a) and 1.1g) inclusive, the most recent document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Insert after condition 1.4

1.4 A. The pipeline may be utilised for the transfer of water up until the 28 February 2013.