Notice of Time Periods

Approval of Aurizon Network's Goonyella to Abbot Point Expansion Draft Amending Access Undertaking (June 2013 GAPE DAAU)

On 5 June 2013, Aurizon Network submitted the June 2013 GAPE DAAU for the QCA's approval. The June 2013 GAPE DAAU sought to amend the 2010 access undertaking to introduce arrangements for the GAPE coal train services, including a tariff, to apply until 30 June 2014.

On 6 June 2013, the QCA notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation to decide whether or not to approve Aurizon Network's DAAU. The QCA received and published five submissions from stakeholders in relation to Aurizon Network's proposal.

On 25 July 2013, the QCA made a draft decision to approve the DAAU. The QCA received and published a submission from Asciano in relation to the draft decision.

On 26 September 2013, the QCA approved Aurizon Network's June 2013 GAPE DAAU.

Time periods

In accordance with s.147A of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act), the QCA must endeavour to decide whether to approve a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a DAAU or a related document;
- (b) a day in the period where a person has been required to give information or produce a document in response to a notice given by the QCA under s.185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.

Six-month period for Aurizon Network's revised GAPE DAAU

In accordance with s.147A(4) of the QCA Act, the QCA states the following time periods for Aurizon Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period commences on 5 June 2013; and
- (b) the six-month period currently ends on 17 January 2014.

The approval of this DAAU occurred within the required time periods.

From	To	Total Days	Reason
05 June 2013	19 June 2013	14	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the DAAU.
26 July 2013	23 August 2013	29	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the draft decision.

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