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Dr. Malcolm Roberts
Chairman
Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Malcolm,

Northern Bowen Basin (NBB) System Rules

Please find attached the draft system rules for the NBB coal system, incorporating both the Goonyella and Newlands systems. These rules are provided to the QCA on a voluntary basis, but have been developed in accordance with the requirements of clause 7.1(b) of Aurizon Network's Access Undertaking 2010.

In developing the draft system rules, Aurizon Network has actively engaged with stakeholders (producers, terminal owners and rail operators) to ensure that these rules operate in a fair, transparent and consistent manner. The general response from these discussions has been constructive and positive. A full record of consultation undertaken in developing the NBB System Rules is attached to this letter.

A key aim of the NBB System Rules is to provide transparency to Access Holders and other Supply Chain Stakeholders of the planning and scheduling decision making process that Aurizon Network undertakes for each planning horizon, from the Master Train Planning process through to the day of operation.

The NBB System rules have incorporated Aurizon Network initiatives to give access holders greater flexibility to utilise their access rights. One such proposal is the Mainline Path concept, which allows paths to be rescheduled at any time without additional consumption, provided that the same 'Mainline Path' is used.

There are outstanding concerns amongst access holders as to what changes may be implemented under UT4 and the affect this may have on the System Rules. To address this issue we have included a review provision in the System Rules to accommodate any variation to the Network Management Principles approved in the future.

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If you have any questions on this matter please feel free to contact myself or Clay McDonald on (07) 3019 9991.

Sincerely,



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Consultation Record

NBB System Rules Consultation Summary		
Date	Details	Parties Involved
13 April 2012	NBB system rules consultation. Aurizon Network seeking support for a trial of the rules	Peabody, BMC, RTCA, Vale, Glencore, HPCT
23 May 2012	System Rules consultation	Pacific National
5 June 2012	NBB System Rules v1 released to industry	All stakeholders
8 June 2012	System Rules consultation v1	BMC, RTCA, Peabody, Vale, HPCT
13 June 2013	System Rules consultation v1	Adani, Xstrata (APCT)
20 June 2012	Industry request for a presentation on Train Service Entitlements and TSE consumption in the NBB System rules framework	Peabody, BMC, RTCA, Vale, DBCT, PN, Aurizon Coal, Glencore, Middlemount, Anglo, HPCT
17 August 2012	NBB System Rules consultation v1	DBCT / DBCT Management
10 September 2012	NBB System Rules v2 released to industry	All stakeholders
10 September 2012	Planning and scheduling process document	All stakeholders
19 September 2012	System Rules consultation v2	Peabody, BMC, RTCA, Vale, DBCT, PN, Aurizon Coal, HPCT
15 October 2012	System Rules trial – proposed scheduling principles	RTCA
30 October 2012	System Rules consultation v2	Peabody
31 October 2013	System Rules consultation v2	Glencore
09 November 2012	System Rules consultation v2	Pacific National
14 November 2012	System Rules consultation v2	Peabody, BMC, RTCA, Vale, DBCT, PN, Aurizon Coal, Glencore, HPCT, Middlemount, Anglo, Pacific National, Isaac Plains
15 November 2012	System Rules consultation v2	Adani
22 November 2012	System rules consultation v2	Aurizon Coal

NBB System Rules Consultation Summary		
Date	Details	Parties Involved
28 December 2012	NBB System rules v3 released to industry	All stakeholders
15 January 2013	System Rules consultation v3	DBCT / DBCT Management
18 January 2013	System Rules consultation v3	BMC, Glencore, RTCA, DBCT, Vale, Anglo, PN, QCA, Aurizon Coal, Peabody, HPCT
31 January 2013	System Rules Consultation v3	BMC, HPCT, Aurizon Coal
11 March 2013	System Rules consultation v3	RTCA
06 May 2013	NBB System Rules v4 released to industry	All Stakeholders
15 May 2013	NBB System Rules consultation v4	Peabody, Glencore, RTCA, DBCT, Vale, Anglo, PN, Aurizon Coal, HPCT
05 June 2013	NBB System Rules workshop	BMC, Glencore, RTCA, DBCT, Vale, Anglo, PN, QCA, Aurizon Coal, Peabody, HPCT
16 July 2013	System Rules Consultation final	DBCT Users group (Mark Smith/Chair)
24 July 2013	System Rules Consultation final	QCoal