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Dear Mr ~~Dawson~~ ^{Allan}

Thank you for your letter of 15 November 2011 requesting access to contract and software application for the National Gas Market Bulletin Board (BB).

I understand the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is currently working with the Independent Market Operator (IMO) to assist in the implementation of a WA specific BB. As part of this initiative, I note you are seeking access to the intellectual property contained in the existing BB business methods, systems and software created (or modified).

As noted in your letter, although the AEMO administers the BB, the intellectual property rights reside with the Commonwealth. Noting the importance of your project for gas market development in Western Australia, the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism is pleased to give permission for the IMO to access this intellectual property.

This access is provided under a Creative Commons BY licence, a description of which can be found at: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/au/>. Under this permission, the IMO is now free to use the intellectual property in question without any other contractual arrangement, provided it acknowledges the Commonwealth's intellectual property ownership rights. This also applies to any subcontractors the IMO uses, as long as the IMO ensures the subcontractors acknowledge the Commonwealth's ownership of the intellectual property.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Department's Legal Services team on phone (02) 6213 6736 or by email at RET-Legal@ret.gov.au.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the AEMO for its reference.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Drew Clarke'.

Drew Clarke