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PRICING ORDER FOR THE PORT OF
MELBOURNE
Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 50(1)
of the **Port Services Act 1995**, makes the
attached Pricing Order regulating—

- (a) the prescribed prices; and
- (b) the terms and conditions subject to
which prescribed services are to be
provided—

in the Port of Melbourne with effect from 27
November 1996.

Dated 26 November 1996

Responsible Minister:

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PRICING ORDER FOR THE PORT MELBOURNE

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1. General

1.1 Objectives

In administering this Order and exercising its powers under the Act and the ORG Act in relation to the Regulated Industry, the objectives of the Office (the "Objectives") are:

- (a) to ensure that a 10% per annum real reduction in the cost of using Regulated Services currently provided in the Port of Melbourne by Melbourne Port Corporation is achieved by 30 June 2000; and
- (b) otherwise, its objectives under section 48(a) and (b) of the Act and section 7 of the ORG Act.

1.2 Application

- 1.2.1 This Order applies to all persons who provide Regulated Services, charge Regulated Prices or propose to do either ("Regulated Entities")

1.3 Interpretation

- 1.3.1 In this Order, the words and phrases defined in Appendix 1 have the meanings given to them in that Appendix unless the contrary intention appears.
- 1.3.2 This Order must be interpreted in accordance with the rules of interpretation set out in Appendix 2 unless the contrary intention appears.

1.4 Commencement

- 1.4.1 This Order takes effect from the first day after the date on which this Order is published in the Government Gazette.

1.5 Undertakings

- 1.5.1 In administering this Order and exercising or refraining from exercising its powers under the Act and the ORG Act in relation to the Regulated Industry, the Office may have regard to the terms of any undertaking given to the Office by a Regulated Entity.

2. Weighted average revenue cap

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 Regulation of Regulated Prices under this Order is principally achieved by fixing a maximum average revenue in relation to the Regulated Services provided by each Regulated Service Provider. This Order also requires the Office to approve Regulated Prices for each Financial Year, increases in Regulated Prices, Regulated Prices for new or additional Regulated Services that may be provided from time to time and certain other Regulated Prices. The purpose of requiring these approvals of Regulated Prices is principally to enable the Office to be satisfied that Regulated Prices comply with the MWAR cap under this Order and are otherwise consistent with the Objectives.
- 2.1.2 A Regulated Entity must not charge a Regulated Price that is more than the maximum price specified in, or approved in accordance with, this Order.
- 2.1.3 A Regulated Entity may charge a Regulated Price that is less than the maximum price specified in, or approved in accordance with, this Order if (but only if) the MWAR cap of the relevant Regulated Service Provider under this Order will continue to be complied with.
- 2.1.4 The initial schedule of maximum prices for Regulated Services to be provided by the Melbourne Port Corporation for the period from the commencement of this Order to 30 June 1997 is set out in Appendix 3. Except as contemplated by clauses 2.5 and 2.6, these maximum prices may not be increased under this Order. However, prior to 30 June 1997, the Office may approve Regulated Prices under clause 3 in respect of any new or additional Regulated Services provided or proposed to be provided by the Melbourne Port Corporation.
- 2.1.5 Subject to clause 2.1.4, the Office may approve a new or revised schedule of maximum prices for Regulated Services provided by a Regulated Service Provider in accordance with this Order if the Office is satisfied that:
 - (a) the Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, those Regulated Services (whether charged by the Regulated Service Provider or other Regulated Entities) will comply with the Regulated Service Provider's MWAR cap under this Order; and
 - (b) they are consistent with the Objectives.
- 2.1.6 A Regulated Entity must provide a customer or potential customer with a statement in writing setting out the Regulated Entity's then current Regulated Prices as soon as practicable after being requested to do so by that customer or potential customer.

2.2 Maximum weighted average revenue cap

- 2.2.1 The Melbourne Port Corporation is subject to a MWAR cap under this clause 2.2. Other Regulated Service Providers may become subject to a MWAR cap in accordance with clause 3.

2.2.2 If a Regulated Service Provider is subject to a MWAR cap under this Order, each Regulated Entity must ensure that the AR derived from Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider in a particular Financial Year after the Base Year does not exceed the Regulated Service Provider's MWAR cap for that Financial Year. Subject to this Order, the AR for a Financial Year is to be calculated in accordance with clause 2.2.3 and the MWAR cap for a Financial Year is to be calculated in accordance with clause 2.2.4.

2.2.3 The AR derived from Regulated Services provided by a Regulated Service Provider in Financial Year "t" is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$AR_t = \frac{R_t}{T_t}$$

where:

AR_t = the AR (in \$/PPORT) derived from all Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider in Financial Year "t" (whether charged by that Regulated Service Provider or other Regulated Entities).

R_t = the total revenue (in \$) that all Regulated Entities derive from Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t"; and

T_t = is the total quantity of cargo (in PPORTs) which is loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t".

If AR_t is to be determined before the commencement of Financial Year "t", R_t and T_t are to be calculated on the basis of reasonable forecasts by the Regulated Service Provider. If AR_t is to be determined after the commencement of Financial Year "t", R_t and T_t are to be calculated having regard to actual revenue derived and the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded since the commencement of Financial Year "t".

2.2.4 The MWAR for all Regulated Services provided by a particular Regulated Service Provider in Financial Year "t" is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$MWAR_t = (CPI_t - X) * WAR_t - K_{t-1}$$

where:

$MWAR_t$ = the MWAR (in \$/PPORT) for all Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider in Financial Year "t" (whether charged by that Regulated Service Provider or other Regulated Entities).

CPI_t = the CPI for Financial Year "t" as defined in Appendix 1.

X = an annual adjustment factor applied for Financial Year t consistent with the definition of CPI (which accumulates from the March Quarter in the 1995/96 Financial Year):

Financial Year	X Factor
1997/98	0.10
1998/99	0.20
1999/2000	0.30

WAR_t = weighted average revenue determined in accordance with clause 2.2.5.

K_{t-1} = the correction factor determined in accordance with clause 2.2.6.

$t-1$ = the prior Financial Year.

2.2.5 WAR_t for a Regulated Service Provider for Financial Year "t" is an amount determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$WAR_t = \sum_{p=1}^n \left[AR_{p,b} * \left(\frac{T_{p,t}}{T_t} \right) \right]$$

where:

b = the Base Year being the year ending 30 June 1997;

$AR_{p,b}$ = the AR (in \$/PPORT) that all Regulated Entities derive from Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider in connection with Cargo Category p during the Base Year calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$AR_{p,b} = \frac{R_{p,b}}{T_{p,b}}$$

where:

$R_{p,b}$ = the total revenue that all Regulated Entities derive from Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider in connection with Cargo Category p during the Base Year;

$T_{p,b}$ = the PPORTs of Cargo Category p that is loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during the Base Year.

If AR_p , $R_{p,b}$ and $T_{p,b}$ are to be determined before the end of the Base Year "b", they are to be calculated on the basis of forecasts by the Regulated Service Provider taking into account at least 8 months of actual results and annualising them by the factor (Actual for 8 Months/8)*12. If seasonal factors are important a further adjustment may be used provided its

calculation is contained in the information provided to the Office under clause 2.4;

- $T_{p,t}$ = the PPORTs of Cargo Category p which the Regulated Service Provider reasonably forecasts will be loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t";
- T_t = the PPORTs of all cargo which the Regulated Service Providers forecasts will be loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t";
- $\sum_{p=1}^{p=n}$ = requires the summation over all Cargo Categories.

If a Cargo Category is loaded or unloaded in Financial Year "t" which was not loaded or unloaded in Base Year "b", the Office may make such adjustments as it considers necessary or desirable to the calculation of WAR_t .

2.2.6 K is a correction factor that adjusts for the difference between forecast AR and MWAR and estimated AR and MWAR based on eight months of actual data:

- (a) if Financial Year "t" is the Financial Year ending 30 June 1996, 30 June 1997 or 30 June 1998, then $K_{t,t}$ is zero;
- (b) if Financial Year "t" is after the Financial Year ending 30 June 1998, then $K_{t,t}$ is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$K_{t,t} = AR_{t-1}^a - MWAR_{t-1}^a$$

where:

AR_{t-1}^a = is the AR (in \$/PPORT) for Financial Year $t-1$ determined in accordance with clause 2.2.3, but substituting for forecast revenue and tonnes the actual revenue and tonnes for the first 8 months of the Financial Year $_{t-1}$ and annualising them using the factor $(Actual Results for 8 Months/8)*12$;

$MWAR_{t-1}^a$ = is the MWAR for Financial Year $_{t-1}$ determined in accordance with clause 2.2.4, but substituting for T_t and $T_{p,t}$ the actual values for the first 8 months of the Financial Year $_{t-1}$ and annualising them using the factor $(Actual Results for 8 Months/8)*12$.

2.2.7 The Office may, in accordance with this Order, increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculating AR, MWAR, WAR_t or $K_{t,t}$.

2.3 New maximum weighted average revenue estimates and new prices

2.3.1 A Regulated Service Provider must, at least 30 Business Days prior to the start of each Financial Year after the Base Year, give to the Office:

- (a) written notice of the Regulated Prices proposed to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services to be provided by that Regulated Service Provider in the Financial Year (whether those Regulated Prices are to be charged by that Regulated Service Provider or other Regulated Entities) (an "Annual Price Schedule"); and
- (b) sufficient information to enable the Office to assess whether the proposed Regulated Prices would comply with this Order, including sufficient information to calculate the Regulated Service Provider's AR and MWAR cap for the Financial Year.

2.3.2 If during a Financial Year after the Base Year a Regulated Entity proposes to increase a Regulated Price, charge a new or additional Regulated Price (otherwise than in respect of a new or additional Regulated Service referred to in clause 3.1), or alter the basis for charging a Regulated Price which may have the effect of increasing the Regulated Price when it is converted into a price per Port Pricing Order Revenue Tonne under clause 4.3.1(c) (each, a "Proposed Increase"), the Regulated Entity and the relevant Regulated Service Provider must, at least 30 Business Days prior to the date upon which the Proposed Increase is to take effect, give to the Office:

- (a) written notice of the Proposed Increase; and
- (b) sufficient information to enable the Office to assess whether the Regulated Entity's Proposed Increase would comply with this Order.

2.3.3 If after 20 Business Days from the receipt of a notice under clause 2.3.1 or 2.3.2, the Office has not given notice in accordance with clause 2.3.4 or 2.3.9, the Office will be deemed to have approved the Annual Price Schedule or, as the case may be, the Proposed Increase.

2.3.4 If:

- (a) a Regulated Entity gives to the Office a notice that purports to be accordance with clause 2.3.1 or 2.3.2; and
- (b) in the Office's reasonable opinion, the notice does not comply with this Order,

the Office may, within 5 Business Days after receipt of the notice, give the Regulated Entity written notice:

- (c) stating that the Office is disallowing the notice because it does not so comply;
- (d) setting out why the Office thinks that the notice does not comply; and
- (e) requiring the Regulated Entity to submit a notice that does so comply.

- 2.3.5 If, prior to the expiration of 20 Business Days after the receipt of a notice under clause 2.3.1 or 2.3.2, the Office decides that the Regulated Entity giving the notice has failed to provide sufficient information to decide whether the Annual Price Schedule or Proposed Increase would comply with this Order, the Office may give the Regulated Entity a written notice requiring the Regulated Entity to provide specific further information.
- 2.3.6 If the Office gives a Regulated Entity a notice under clause 2.3.4 or 2.3.5, the 20 Business Days referred to in clause 2.3.3 ceases to run until the Regulated Entity submits a notice that does comply or provides the Office with the required information.
- 2.3.7 The Office may, subject to clauses 2.3.8 and 2.3.9, approve or disallow an Annual Price Schedule or a Proposed Increase.
- 2.3.8 Subject to clause 2.1.4 the Office must approve an Annual Price Schedule or a Proposed Increase if it is satisfied that the proposed Annual Price Schedule or Proposed Increase:
- (a) would comply with this Order; and
 - (b) is consistent with the Objectives.
- 2.3.9 Where the Office disallows an Annual Price Schedule or a Proposed Increase, the Office must give to the relevant Regulated Entity a written notice stating:
- (a) that the Office is disallowing the Annual Price Schedule or Proposed Increase; and
 - (b) the reason why it is disallowing the Annual Price Schedule or Proposed Increase.
- 2.3.10 If, for any reason whatsoever (including, without limitation, a failure by a Regulated Service Provider to give the Office a notice which complies with clause 2.3.1), the Office has not approved (or been deemed to have approved) an Annual Price Schedule for a Financial Year "t" prior to the commencement of that Financial Year, then, until the Office approves (or is deemed to have approved) an Annual Price Schedule for that Financial Year, a Regulated Entity must not charge Regulated Prices for the provision of, or in connection with, the Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider that are more than the Regulated Prices applicable at the end of the preceding Financial Year "t-1" multiplied by $(CPI_t - X)$ where CPI_t and X have the meanings given in clause 2.2.4.

2.4 Forecasts & reporting requirements

- 2.4.1 A Regulated Service Provider must within 60 Business Days after the end of each Financial Year, provide the Office with a statement in writing setting out:
- (a) the MWAR derived from all Regulated Services provided by it during that Financial Year in accordance with section 2.2.4;
 - (b) an allocation of all revenues included in that MWAR to each Cargo Category and the quantity (in Port Pricing Order Revenue Tonnes) of cargo in each Cargo Category loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising

Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during that Financial Year;

- (c) the total revenue derived from Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during that Financial Year; and
- (d) the total quantity (in Port Pricing Order Revenue Tonnes) of cargo loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during that Financial Year.

2.4.2 The information given to the Office under clause 2.3.1 or 2.3.2 must include:

- (a) the total revenue $R_{p,t}$ which the Regulated Service Provider reasonably forecasts all Regulated Entities will derive from Regulated Prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t" taking into account at least 8 months of estimated results for year "t-1" and annualising using the factor $(\text{Actual Revenue for 8 Months}/8)*12$. If seasonal factors are important a further adjustment may be used provided its calculation is contained in the information provided to the Office;
- (b) the total quantity $T_{p,t}$ of cargo in PPORTs which the Regulated Service Provider reasonably forecasts will be loaded or unloaded in the port of Melbourne utilising Regulated Services provided by that Regulated Service Provider during Financial Year "t" taking into account at least 8 months of estimated results for year "t-1" and annualising them using the factor $(\text{Actual PPORTs for 8 Months}/8)*12$. If seasonal factors are important a further adjustment may be used provided its calculation is contained in the information provided to the Office;
- (c) CPI_t as defined in Appendix 1; and
- (d) the factor $K_{t,t}$ determined in accordance with clause 2.2.6.

2.4.3 Subject to the provisions of the Act, a Regulated Entity must make available to the Office such other information as the Office reasonably requests for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Order or deciding whether this Order has been complied with.

2.4.4 All forecasts and estimates made by a Regulated Entity for the purposes of this Order must be made after due enquiry and must be reasonable in light of all surrounding circumstances and past performance.

2.5 Regulated pass through of cost elements related to Force Majeure

2.5.1 If a Force Majeure Event occurs or continues, a Regulated Entity may give notice to the Office requesting approval for it to pass on the costs of the event to users of Regulated Services by an increase in Regulated Prices.

2.5.2 A notice under clause 2.5.1 must include:

- (a) sufficient information to enable the Office to assess whether a Force Majeure Event has occurred or is continuing;
 - (b) an estimate of the effect of the Force Majeure Event on the Regulated Service Provider's costs and AR;
 - (c) the proposed increase in Regulated Prices; and
 - (d) the effect of the increase in Regulated Prices on the relevant Regulated Service Provider's MWAR cap and details of all calculations required to determine this effect.
- 2.5.3 Subject to clause 2.5.6, the Office must, within 30 Business Days after receipt of a notice under clause 2.5.2, determine if the Force Majeure Event specified in the notice occurred or is continuing. If the Office determines that a Force Majeure Event has occurred or is continuing, then it must also determine whether to approve the increase in Regulated Prices set out in the notice. After determining whether to approve the increase in Regulated Prices, the Office must advise the Regulated Entity in writing accordingly. If an increase in Regulated Prices is not approved, the Office must state the reason why and advise the Regulated Entity whether a revised request would be considered.
- 2.5.4 If the Office approves an increase in Regulated Prices under clause 2.5.3, it may increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculating the MWAR cap of the relevant Regulated Service Provider to the extent it considers appropriate.
- 2.5.5 An approval of an increase in Regulated Prices under clause 2.5.3 and an increase, decrease or adjustment to the basis for calculating an MWAR cap under clause 2.5.4 may be for such period and subject to such terms and conditions as the Office considers appropriate.
- 2.5.6 A Regulated Entity must make available to the Office such information as the Office reasonably requests for the purposes of making a determination under clause 2.5.3. If the Office makes a request under this clause 2.5.6, the 30 Business Day period referred to in clause 2.5.3 ceases to run until the information requested by the Office is provided to the Office, or the Office advises that the information is no longer required.

2.6 Regulated pass through of cost elements related to a Change in Taxes

- 2.6.1 If there is a Change in Taxes, a Regulated Entity may give notice to the Office requesting approval for it to pass on the costs of the event to users of Regulated Services by an increase in Regulated Prices.
- 2.6.2 A notice under clause 2.6.1 must include:
- (a) sufficient information to enable the Office to assess whether a Change in Taxes has occurred;
 - (b) an estimate of the effect of the Change in Taxes on the Regulated Entity's costs;
 - (c) the proposed increase in Regulated Prices; and

- (d) the effect of the increase in Regulated Prices on the relevant Regulated Service Provider's MWAR cap and details of all calculations required to determine this effect.
- 2.6.3 Subject to clause 2.6.6, the Office must, within 30 Business Days after receipt of a notice under clause 2.6.1, determine if the Change in Taxes specified in the notice has occurred. If the Office determines that a Change in Taxes has occurred, then it must also determine whether to approve the increase in Regulated Prices set out in the notice. After determining whether to approve the increase in Regulated Prices, the Office must advise the Regulated Entity in writing accordingly. If an increase in Regulated Prices is not approved, the Office must state the reason why and advise whether a revised request would be considered.
- 2.6.4 If the Office approves an increase in Regulated Prices under clause 2.6.3, it may increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculating the MWAR cap of the relevant Regulated Service Provider to the extent it considers appropriate.
- 2.6.5 An approval of an increase in Regulated Prices under clause 2.6.3 and an increase, decrease or adjustment in the basis for calculating an MWAR cap under clause 2.6.4 may be for such period and subject to such terms and conditions as the Office considers appropriate.
- 2.6.6 A Regulated Entity must make available to the Office such information as the Office reasonably requests for the purposes of making a determination under clause 2.6.3. If the Office makes a request under this clause 2.6.6, the 30 Business Day period referred to in clause 2.6.3 ceases to run until the information requested by the Office is provided to the Office, or the Office advises that the information is no longer required.

3. Application of the Pricing Order

3.1 Notification of a change in Regulated Services or Regulated Entity

3.1.1 If a person proposes:

- (a) to provide new or additional Regulated Services (already being a Regulated Service Provider);
- (b) to cease to provide any Regulated Services (whether or not another person is providing or proposes to provide similar Regulated Services); or
- (c) to commence to provide any Regulated Services (not already being a Regulated Service Provider),

it must first:

- (d) give the Office not less than 40 Business Days prior written notice in accordance with this Order; and

either:

- (e) obtain approval from the Office of all Regulated Prices to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with:
 - (i) the new or additional Regulated Services referred to in paragraph (a); or
 - (ii) the Regulated Services referred to in paragraph (c),

and any other changes to Regulated Prices proposed in connection with the matters referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); or

- (f) obtain a determination from the Office that no MWAR cap should apply in respect of any or all of the Regulated Services referred to in the notice.

If more than one paragraph of this clause 3.1 applies, notice must be given under each applicable paragraph.

3.1.2 A notice under paragraph 3.1.1(a) must include:

- (a) a description of the new or additional Regulated Services which the person proposes to provide;
- (b) the Regulated Prices proposed to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with the proposed new or additional Regulated Services;
- (c) information in support of the proposed pricing arrangements, including the Regulated Service Provider's reasonable estimate of any additional costs incurred or to be incurred in providing the proposed new or additional Regulated Services and any benchmark prices relevant to those new or additional Regulated Services;

- (d) the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates of AR (in accordance with clause 2.2.3) and MWAR (in accordance with clause 2.2.4) that would apply if the new and additional Regulated Services were subject to the MWAR cap, taking into account the proposed new or additional Regulated Services and the proposed Regulated Prices, together with information supporting these estimates; and
- (e) the Regulated Service Provider's proposal regarding any increase, decrease or adjustment to the basis for calculating its MWAR cap taking into account the new or additional Regulated Services.

3.1.3 A notice under paragraph 3.1.1(b) must include:

- (a) a description of the Regulated Services which the person proposes to cease to provide (the "Relevant Services");
- (b) if any other person (a "Transferee") is providing or proposes to provide similar Regulated Services under an arrangement with the person giving the notice, the identity of the Transferee and details of the Regulated Services which the Transferee is providing or proposed to provide ("Transferred Services");
- (c) the AR, both historical and projected, for the Relevant Services, as calculated for the purposes of clause 2.2.3;
- (d) the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates for AR (in accordance with clause 2.2.3) and MWAR (in accordance with clause 2.2.4) excluding the Relevant Services, together with information supporting these estimates;
- (e) the Regulated Service Provider's proposal regarding any increase, decrease or adjustment to the basis for calculating its MWAR cap taking into account the Regulated Service which it is ceasing to provide;
- (f) any changes to Regulated Prices necessary to ensure continued compliance with this Order in light of the information set out in paragraphs (d) and (e); and
- (g) details of any sale, lease or other transfer of assets in connection with any arrangements with a Transferee in respect of Transferred Services.

3.1.4 A notice under paragraph 3.1.1(c) must include:

- (a) the identity of the person and any relationship or arrangement between that person and any other Regulated Entity;
- (b) a description of the Regulated Services which the person proposes to provide;
- (c) the Regulated Prices proposed to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, the Regulated Services;
- (d) information in support of the proposed pricing arrangements, including the person's reasonable estimate of any costs incurred or to be incurred in providing the Regulated Services and any benchmark prices relevant to the Regulated Services;

- (e) any proposals to fix Regulated Prices for the provision of, or in connection with, the Regulated Services for a specified period, including a base period for use in any subsequent MWAR cap arrangements; and
 - (f) proposals in respect of the MWAR cap if any, which should apply to the Regulated Services including the person's reasonable estimates of AR (in accordance with clause 2.2.3).
- 3.1.5 Where a notice under paragraph 3.1.1 (a) or (c) relates to Transferred Services, historical information relating to the Transferred Services must also be provided.
- 3.1.6 If:
- (a) a Regulated Entity gives to the Office a notice that purports to be in accordance with clause 3.1.1; and
 - (b) in the Office's reasonable opinion, the notice does not comply with this Order,
- the Office may, within 5 Business Days after receipt of the notice, give the Regulated Entity written notice:
- (c) stating that the Office is disallowing the notice because it does not so comply;
 - (d) setting out why the Office thinks that the notice does not comply; and
 - (e) requiring the Regulated Entity to submit a notice that does so comply.
- 3.1.7 If, prior to the expiration of 20 Business Days after the receipt of a notice under clause 3.1.1, the Office decides that the Regulated Entity giving the notice has failed to provide sufficient information to make a determination under clause 3.1.9, the Office may give the Regulated Entity a written notice requiring the Regulated Entity to provide specific further information.
- 3.1.8 If the Office gives a Regulated Entity a notice under clause 3.1.6 or 3.1.7, the 30 Business Days referred to in clause 3.1.12 ceases to run until the Regulated Entity submits a notice that does comply or provides the Office with the required information.
- 3.1.9 Where a person gives notice under clause 3.1.1, the Office may, subject to clause 3.1.10:
- (a) in the case of a person who is a Regulated Service Provider, increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculating that person's MWAR cap to the extent it considers appropriate;
 - (b) in the case of a person who is not already a Regulated Service Provider, establish a MWAR cap that is to apply in relation to the proposed Regulated Services;
 - (c) approve or disallow any Regulated Price proposed in the notice to the extent necessary to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) and the other provisions of the Order;

- (d) approve or disallow the person's estimates of AR and, if applicable, MWAR; and/or
 - (e) determine that no MWAR cap should apply in respect of any or all of the Regulated Services referred to in the notice.
- 3.1.10 In exercising its powers under clause 3.1.9, the Office must approve the proposals set out in the notice under clause 3.1.1 if it is satisfied that would be consistent with the Objectives.
- 3.1.11 Where the Office disallows any proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap or any estimates of AR or MWAR contained in a notice under clause 3.1.1, the Office must give to the person who gave the notice a written notice stating:
 - (a) that the Office is disallowing the proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap or the estimates of AR or MWAR; and
 - (b) the reason why it is doing so.
- 3.1.12 If after 30 Business Days from the receipt of a notice under clause 3.1.1, the Office has not given a notice in accordance with clause 3.1.11, the Office will be deemed to have approved the proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap and the estimates of AR and MWAR contained in the notice.
- 3.1.13 If the Office has given a notice under clause 3.1.11, no Regulated Prices may be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, the Regulated Services referred to in the notice under clause 3.1.1 until either the Office approves or is deemed to have approved proposed pricing arrangements (including any MWAR cap) and AR and MWAR estimates or the Office determines that no MWAR cap should apply in respect of those services.

3.2 Exempt Contracts

- 3.2.1 A Regulated Service Provider may apply to have a Contract or proposed Contract approved by the Office as an Exempt Contract by giving a notice in writing to the Office to that effect. Prescribed Services under an Exempt Contract are not Regulated Services and hence prices for those services are not subject to any MWAR cap.
- 3.2.2 A notice under clause 3.2.1 must include:
 - (a) a true and complete copy of the Contract or proposed Contract;
 - (b) a description of the services which are provided and/or are proposed to be provided under the Contract or proposed Contract and the assets employed or to be employed in providing those services;
 - (c) the AR, both historical and projected, for the services provided and/or proposed to be provided under the Contract or proposed Contract;
 - (d) the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates for AR (in accordance with clause 2.2.3) and, if the Regulated Service Provider is subject to the MWAR cap, MWAR (in accordance with clause 2.2.4) excluding future

services which are provided and/or proposed to be provided under the Contract or proposed Contract; and

- (e) the Regulated Service Provider's proposal, if any, regarding any increase, decrease or adjustment to the basis for calculating its MWAR cap taking into account the services which are provided and/or proposed to be provided under the Contract or proposed Contract.

3.2.3 Once the Office receives a notice under clause 3.2.1, the Office may, subject to provisions of the Act, request other information. If the Office makes a request under this clause 3.2.3 the 30 Business Day period referred to in clause 3.2.5 ceases to run until the information requested by the Office is provided to the Office, or the Office advises that the information is no longer required.

3.2.4 The Office shall approve a Contract or proposed Contract as an Exempt Contract if it is satisfied:

- (a) with the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates for AR and, if applicable, MWAR and any proposal regarding its MWAR cap; and
- (b) that approval is consistent with the Objectives.

3.2.5 Where the Office does not approve a Contract or proposed Contract as an Exempt Contract or is not satisfied with the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates of AR and, if applicable, MWAR or any proposal regarding its MWAR cap contained in the notice under clause 3.2.1, the Office must give to the person who gave the notice a written notice stating:

- (a) that the Office does not approve the Contract or proposed Contract as an Exempt Contract; and
- (b) the reasons why it does not do so.

3.2.6 If after 30 Business Days from the receipt of a notice under clause 3.2.1 the Office has not given a notice under clause 3.2.5, the Office is deemed to have approved the Contract or proposed Contract as an Exempt Contract, the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates for AR and, if applicable, MWAR and the Regulated Service Provider's proposal regarding its MWAR cap (if any).

3.2.7 If the Office has notified the Regulated Entity that a Contract or proposed Contract is not approved as an Exempt Contract, the Regulated Service Provider's MWAR cap, if any, will continue to apply.

3.2.8 The Office must establish and maintain a register of all Exempt Contracts. This register must include:

- (a) contracts notified in writing by the Treasurer to the Office as Exempt Contracts prior to the commencement of this Order; and
- (b) contracts approved or deemed to have been approved by the Office as Exempt Contracts under this clause 3.2.

3.3 Variation, expiry, lapse or termination of Exempt Contracts

- 3.3.1 At least 40 Business Days prior to the variation, expiry, lapse or termination of an Exempt Contract, the relevant Regulated Service Provider must give a notice in writing to the Office of the proposed variation, expiry, lapse or termination.
- 3.3.2 If a variation of an Exempt Contract is proposed, the variation is to be treated in the same manner as an application for approval under clause 3.2. If the Exempt Contract is varied before approval of the variation, it shall automatically cease to be an Exempt Contract.
- 3.3.3 Unless a new Exempt Contract is operative on or before the expiry, lapse or termination in respect of the relevant Prescribed Services, then the notice must include:
- (a) a description of the Prescribed Services which (subject to clause 3.3.5(e)) will become Regulated Services ("Relevant Services");
 - (b) the AR, both historical and projected, for the Relevant Services;
 - (c) the prices proposed to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, the Relevant Services;
 - (d) the Regulated Service Provider's revised estimates for AR (in accordance with clause 2.2.3) and MWAR (in accordance with clause 2.2.4) that would apply if the Relevant Services were subject to an MWAR cap; and
 - (e) proposals in respect of the MWAR cap, if any, which should apply to the Relevant Services.
- 3.3.4 Once the Office receives a notice under clause 3.3.1, the Office may, subject to provisions of the Act, request other information. If the Office makes a request under this clause 3.3.4, the 30 Business Day period referred to in clause 3.3.8 ceases to run until the information requested by the Office is provided to the Office, or the Office advises that the information is no longer required.
- 3.3.5 Where a person gives notice under clause 3.3.1 or an Exempt Contract ceases to be an Exempt Contract under clause 3.3.2, the Office may, subject to clause 3.3.6:
- (a) in the case of a person who is a Regulated Service Provider, increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculating that person's MWAR cap to the extent it considers appropriate;
 - (b) in the case of a person who is not already a Regulated Service Provider, establish a MWAR cap that is to apply in relation to the Relevant Services;
 - (c) approve or disallow any Regulated Price proposed in the notice to the extent necessary to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) and the other provisions of the Order;
 - (d) approve or disallow the person's estimates of AR and, if applicable, MWAR; and/or
 - (e) determine that no MWAR cap should apply in respect of any or all of the Relevant Services referred to in this notice.

- 3.3.6 In exercising its powers under clause 3.3.5, the Office must approve the proposals set out in the notice under clause 3.3.1 if it is satisfied that would be consistent with the Objectives.
- 3.3.7 Where the Office disallows any proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap or any estimates of AR or MWAR contained in a notice under clause 3.3.1, the Office must give to the person who gave the notice a written notice stating:
- (a) that the Office is disallowing the proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap or the estimates of AR or MWAR; and
 - (b) the reason why it is doing so.
- 3.3.8 If after 30 Business Days from the receipt of a notice under clause 3.3.1, the Office has not given a notice in accordance with clause 3.3.7, the Office will be deemed to have approved the proposals regarding Regulated Prices or any MWAR cap and the estimates of AR and MWAR contained in the notice.
- 3.3.9 If the Office has given a notice under clause 3.3.7, then (subject to clause 3.3.10) no Regulated Prices may be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, the Prescribed Services referred to in the notice under clause 3.3.1 until either the Office approves or is deemed to have approved proposed pricing arrangements (including any MWAR cap) and AR and MWAR estimates or the Office determines that no MWAR cap should apply in respect of those services.
- 3.3.10 If, as a result of events that could not reasonably have been avoided by the Regulated Service Provider, an Exempt Contract expires, lapses or is terminated before the Office approves, or is deemed to have approved Regulated Prices and revised estimates of AR and MWAR under this clause 3.3, the Office may approve interim Regulated Prices on any basis it considers appropriate having regard to the Objectives.

3.4 Change in Market Structure

- 3.4.1 If:
- (a) in respect of services referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of Regulated Services in Appendix 1, at any time after the relevant determination under clause 3.1.9(e) or clause 3.3.5(e); or
 - (b) in respect of Original Services provided by an Original Service Provider (both as referred to in clause 4.4), at any time after the date of this Order,
- the Office considers that there has been a material change in market structure which has reduced or is reducing contestability in the market for those services, and that it is necessary for the achievement of its Objectives, the Office may determine that a MWAR cap is to apply to those services.
- 3.4.2 A determination under clause 3.4.1 may be for such period and subject to such terms and conditions as the Office considers appropriate.
- 3.4.3 In exercising its powers under clause 3.4.1 in respect of Original Services provided by an Original Service Provider, the Office must avoid having a material effect on any material business and contractual arrangement entered into before the

commencement of this Order of which the Office is aware unless the Office is satisfied that is necessary for the achievement of its Objectives.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Modification to time periods in the Pricing Order

4.1.1 The Office may:

- (a) by written notice to a Regulated Entity, extend the time by which, or the period within which, a thing required to be done by that Regulated Entity under this Order must be done; and
- (b) with the prior agreement of the Regulated Entity, reduce the time by which, or the period within which, a thing required to be done by that Regulated Entity under this Order must be done.

4.2 Amending a maximum weighted average revenue cap

4.2.1 The Office may make a determination under this clause 4.2.1. if (but only if):

- (a) all Regulated Entities adversely affected by the determination so agree; or
- (b) in the opinion of the Office, the determination is to correct a manifest error or is of a formal, technical or administrative nature only; or
- (c) in the opinion of the Office, the determination is necessary or desirable to avoid an unintended consequence of this Order which is materially prejudicial to a Regulated Entity and the determination is appropriate having regard to any effect on users of Regulated Services; or
- (d) without limiting the generality of paragraph (c), more than one Regulated Entity is charging Regulated Prices for the provision of, or in connection with, the same Regulated Services and the Office is satisfied that the determination is necessary or desirable to avoid possible double counting errors that would otherwise occur in the application of this Order and the determination is appropriate having regard to any effect on users of Regulated Services; or
- (e) in the opinion of the Office, the determination is necessary or desirable to correct errors attributable to information provided to the Office by or on behalf of a Regulated Entity proving to have been false or misleading in a material particular or to have had omitted from it a matter or thing the omission of which rendered the information misleading in a material respect; or
- (f) in the opinion of the Office, a person has or persons have entered into or commenced to carry out a Scheme for the sole or dominant purpose of avoiding the application of any provisions of this Order in relation to any person (whether or not that person has entered into or commenced to carry

out the Scheme) and the determination is necessary or desirable to ensure the Scheme does not achieve that purpose.

4.2.2 A determination under clause 4.2.1, may:

- (a) increase, decrease or adjust the basis for calculation of the MWAR cap;
- (b) increase or decrease maximum Regulated Prices;
- (c) determine that prices which would otherwise be Regulated Prices are not Regulated Prices for the purposes of any or all of the provisions of this Order;
- (d) exempt a person or class of persons from complying with any or all of the provisions of the Order; or
- (e) subject to the Act and the ORG Act, otherwise regulate Prescribed Prices.

4.2.3 A determination under clause 4.2.1 may:

- (a) operate for such period as the Office considers appropriate;
- (b) be subject to such terms and conditions as the office considers appropriate; and
- (c) may be revoked by the Office at any time.

4.2.4 In making a determination under clause 4.2.1, the Office shall have regard to the Objectives.

4.3 Other powers of the Office

4.3.1 For the purposes of this Order, the Office may:

- (a) translate amounts expressed in currency other than Australian dollars into Australian dollars on such basis as it considers appropriate;
- (b) value any non-cash consideration (including, without limitation, offset, contra or other similar arrangements) as it considers appropriate;
- (c) convert any price (howsoever expressed) into a price per Port Pricing Order Revenue Tonne on such basis as it considers appropriate;
- (d) determine that all or part of a price is to be regarded as being charged for the provision of, or in connection with, a particular Regulated Service even though it may be expressed to be charged for other goods or services;
- (e) determine that all or part of a price is charged, or revenue is derived, during a particular Financial Year or other period even though it may be expressed to be charged or derived during some other period; and
- (f) add to, delete, replace or otherwise vary the Cargo Categories either generally or for a particular purpose.

4.3.2 If a Regulated Service Provider provides more than one Regulated Service and the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded utilising any Regulated Service differs from the

quantity loaded or unloaded utilising any other Regulated Service, the Office may make such adjustments as it considers appropriate to the calculation of AR and MWAR to reflect the quantity of cargo loaded or unloaded utilising each Regulated Service.

4.4 Transitional Provisions

- 4.4.1 This clause 4.4 applies in respect of Regulated Services ("Original Services") which are provided by a Regulated Service Provider other than Melbourne Port Corporation as at the date this Order is published in the Government Gazette (an "Original Service Provider") for so long as those Original Services continue to be provided by the Original Service Provider. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause 4.4 does not apply in respect of any Original Services which are subsequently provided by any other Regulated Service Provider or in respect of any other Regulated Services which are subsequently provided by any Original Service Provider.
- 4.4.2 Subject to clause 4.4.3, prices charged or proposed to be charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Original Services provided by an Original Service Provider (including any increases in those prices) are not Regulated Prices and no MWAR cap applies in respect of those prices.
- 4.4.3 If the Office determines that an MWAR cap is to apply to any Original Services provided by an Original Service Provider under clause 3.4.1, prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, those Original Services shall become Regulated Prices in accordance with that determination.

Appendix 1: Definitions

The following words and phrases have the meanings given to them in this Appendix when used in the Pricing Order unless the contrary intention appears:

Act means the Port Services Act 1995.

Annual Price Schedule has the meaning given in clause 2.3.1.

AR means average revenue as defined in clause 2.2.3 (which is subject to adjustment in accordance with this Order).

Authority means any government or regulatory department, (including the Office), body, instrumentality, minister, agency, or other authority, or any body, which is the successor to the administrative responsibilities of such department, instrumentality, minister, agency, or authority.

Business Day means a day on which Banks are open for general banking business in Melbourne, not being a Saturday or Sunday.

Base Year means the year ending 30 June 1997.

Cargo Category means each of the Cargo Categories specified in Appendix 4 as added to, deleted, replaced or otherwise varied under clause 4.3.1 (f).

Change in Taxes means:

- (a) an obligation by a Regulated Entity to pay any amount which the Regulated Entity was not obliged to pay at the date of this Pricing Order arising from the imposition of a Relevant Tax; or
- (b) a change in the way or rate at which a Relevant Tax is calculated (including the removal of a Relevant Tax) to the extent that such a change results in a change in the amount which the Regulated Entity is required to pay (whether directly or under any contract) by way of Relevant Taxes from that which it was required to pay at the date of this Pricing Order;

as a consequence of:

- (c) a new statute or amendment of any statute or the interpretation of any existing statute resulting from the decision of any court or any arbitrator which binds the Regulated Entity;
- (d) a determination of any Authority; or
- (e) a government owned Regulated Entity ceasing to be government owned.

Channel includes swinging basin, turning circle, an area alongside a berth or dock, fairway and anchorage.

Contract means an agreement wholly in writing between a Regulated Service Provider and another party for the provision of Prescribed Services by that Regulated Service Provider to that other party for a term of not less than 5 years which the Office is satisfied is not intended and is not likely to be terminated within 5 years.

CPI for a particular Financial Year is:

- (a) the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index Number Melbourne published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March Quarter immediately preceding the start of the relevant Financial Year;

divided by

- (b) the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index Number Melbourne published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the March quarter in the 1995/96 Financial Year.

Exempt Contract means a contract which has been approved or been deemed to have been approved by the Office under clause 3.2 or registered under clause 3.2.8 (a).

Force Majeure Event means, in relation to the port of Melbourne and a Regulated Entity, a Relevant Event which results in a reduction of the capacity of Channels in the port waters of the port of Melbourne to permit transnavigation by vessels when:

- (a) the reduction is equal to or greater than 50% of the normal capacity of any Channel; and
- (b) the event or reduction could not have been reasonably avoided by the Regulated Entity; and
- (c) the reduction continues to have effect longer than 48 hours; and
- (d) the Regulated Entity has no right to compensation (including a right to recovery under an insurance policy) resulting from the Relevant Event and could not have obtained such a right by taking reasonable steps.

Melbourne Port Corporation means the Melbourne Port Corporation established under the Port Services Act 1995.

MWAR or MWAR cap means maximum weighted average revenue as defined in clause 2.2.4 (which is subject to adjustment in accordance with this Order).

Office means the Office of the Regulator-General established under the Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994.

Objectives has the meaning given in clause 1.1.

ORG Act means the Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994.

Original Service Provider means a Regulated Service Provider other than the Melbourne Port Corporation providing Regulated Services as at the date this Order is published in the Government Gazette.

Original Services means Regulated Services which are provided by a Regulated Service Provider other than the Melbourne Port Corporation as at the date this Order is published in the Government Gazette.

Port Pricing Order Revenue Tonnes or PPORT is a quantity measurement which means:

- (i) for containerised trade;

28.86 PPORT per Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit. (As containerised trades are charged per Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit, they are converted to PPORT on the basis of the external volume of a standard container less a 25 per cent allowance for the container walls and waste space.)

- (i) for all other cargo;

the greater of volume (in cubic metres) and mass (in tonnes) measure; and

Prescribed Services means:

- (a) the making available of berths, buoys or dolphins in connection with the berthing of vessels in the port of Melbourne;
- (b) the provision of short term storage or cargo marshalling facilities in connection with the loading or unloading of vessels at adjacent berths, buoys or dolphins in the port of Melbourne; and
- (c) the connection of water or electricity to berthed vessels in the port of Melbourne.

Proposed Increase has the meaning given in clause 2.3.2.

Regulated Entities has the meaning given in clause 1.2.1.

Regulated Industry means the port industry in the port of Melbourne.

Regulated Prices means, subject to clause 4.2.2(c) and clause 4.4, prices charged for the provision of, or in connection with, Regulated Services.

Regulated Services means Prescribed Services other than:

- (a) except for the purposes of clause 1.1(a), services provided under an Exempt Contract;
- (b) except for the purpose of clauses 1.1(a), 2.4.3 (to the extent the definition of Regulated Entity refers to Regulated Services) and 3.4.1 (and the provisions of this Appendix 1 to the extent necessary to give effect to those clauses), services which the Office has, in accordance with clause 3.1.9(e) or clause 3.3.5(e), determined no MWAR cap should apply to;
- (c) prescribed services under the Grain Handling and Storage Act 1995.

If the Office, in accordance with clause 3.4.1, determines that a MWAR cap is to apply to any services referred to in paragraph (b), those services shall then become Regulated Services in accordance with that determination.

Regulated Service Provider means a person who provides Regulated Services in the port of Melbourne.

Relevant Event in relation to the definition of Force Majeure means:

- (a) a war (declared or undeclared), a revolution or any unlawful act against public order or authority;

- (b) an act of God (including, hurricane, tidal wave or other natural disaster); or
- (c) a breach of duty by an Authority.

Relevant Tax means any tax, charge, levy or imposition (but not a fine or penalty) directly attributable to the provision of Regulated Services and, in the opinion of the Office, not normally absorbed in a fully competitive market but (without limitation) specifically excluding any:

- (a) income tax, fringe benefits tax or capital gains tax;
- (b) payroll tax;
- (c) sales tax (or State equivalent wholesale sales tax) or value added tax or goods and services tax to the extent that, in the opinion of the Office, compensation for the effect of the tax has been or will be received by the relevant Regulated Entity;
- (d) land tax; and
- (e) financial accommodation levy.

or any tax or levy that replaces any of those taxes or levies.

Scheme means:

- (a) any agreement, arrangement, understanding, promise or undertaking, whether express or implied and whether or not enforceable, or intended to be enforceable, by legal proceedings; and
- (b) any scheme, plan, proposal, action, course of action or course of conduct, whether material or otherwise.

Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit means the container counting unit based on the International Standards Organisation 20 foot by 8.5 foot by 8.5 foot container.

WAR means weighted average revenue as defined in clause 2.2.5.

Appendix 2: Rules of interpretation

In this Pricing Order:

(1) **amendments:**

- (a) a reference to this Order, a contract or another instrument includes any variation or replacement of any of them;
- (b) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them.

(2) **singular and plural:** the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

(3) **person:**

- (a) includes a firm, a body corporate, an unincorporated association or an authority;
- (b) a reference to a person includes a reference to the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes (including, without limitation, persons taking by novation) and assigns.

(4) **calculation of periods of time:** if a period of time is specified and dates from a given day or of a day of an act or event, it is to be calculated inclusive of that day;

(5) **month:** a reference to a month is a reference to a calendar month;

(6) **Business Days:** if an event must occur on a stipulated day which is not a Business Day then the stipulated day will be taken to be the next Business Day;

(7) **references to things:** a reference to any thing (including, without limitation, any amount) is a reference to the whole and each part of it and a reference to a group of persons is a reference to any one or more of these;

(8) **parts of speech:** if a word or phrase is specifically defined in this Order, then other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings;

(9) **summation:** the symbol " Σ " requires a summation to be performed over the range of variables specified in respect of the algebraic terms specified;

(10) **multiplication:** the symbol "*" requires multiplication to be effected;

(11) **Quarter:** a reference to a "Quarter" preceded by the name of a month, is a reference to the period of 3 months ending on the last day of the month referred to. For example, a reference to the March Quarter preceding a Financial Year is a reference to the period of 3 months ending on 31 March immediately preceding the beginning of that Financial Year;

(12) **accuracy and rounding:**

- (a) all data which is to be utilised in calculations made under this Order is to be utilised to the accuracy, in terms of a number of decimal places, to which it is given;
- (b) all indices are to be calculated to 3 decimal places;

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- (c) the calculation of a price, charge or fee is to be performed to the accuracy, in terms of a number of decimal places, used in the clause of, or attachment to, the Order which specifies the relevant price charge or fee for the Base Year; and
 - (d) any other calculation shall be performed to the accuracy, in terms of a number of decimal places determined by the Office.
- (13) **References to Financial Year:** when a calculation is required under this Pricing Order and also in this item:
- (a) Financial Year "b" is the Financial Year ended 30 June 1997, known as the Base Year;
 - (b) Financial Year "t" is the Financial Year in respect of which the calculation is being made; and
 - (c) Financial Year "t-1" is the Financial Year immediately preceding Financial Year "t".

Appendix 3: Initial schedule of prices for Regulated Services

Charges to apply at the first day after the date of gazettal of this Pricing Order up to 30 June 1997.

Area Hire for berth areas

Charge calculated on total time from the start of storage of export cargo prior to the arrival of the vessel until the end of storage of import cargo. Area rent to double in rate for use of area greater than three days (72 hours) after finish of vessel discharge (six days - 144 hours for timber cargoes).

Saturday and Sunday are included but 'closed port days' are excluded. 'Closed port days' are Good Friday, Christmas Day, Picnic day, Anzac Day and Labour Day.

Cost calculated to the nearest 1/10th of an hour rounded upwards.

Berth		\$ per hour
South Wharf	21	78.00
	26	5.00
	28	28.00
	29	28.00
	31	39.00
Victoria Dock	2	28.00
	3	28.00
	4	28.00
	16A	31.00
	16B	34.00
	16C	38.00
	17A	45.00
	17B	45.00
	22	34.00
	23A	41.00
	23B	34.00
	24	34.00
Appleton Dock	E	17.00
	F	12.00

Berth Hire

Charge calculated on the total time of vessel at berth from first line ashore to last line cast-off. Cost calculated to the nearest 1/10th of an hour rounded upwards.

Any berth designated by the Manager, Property Development, as a 'lay by' berth shall be charged at \$42.50 per hour. A 'lay by' berth shall not be used for the transfer of cargo and the berth may only be designated as a 'lay by' berth where, in the opinion of the MPC, the operations of the port are not impaired.

Berth		\$ per hour
South Wharf	19	122.00
	21	106.00
	26	42.00
	27	74.00
	28	90.00
	29	90.00
	31	111.00
	33	191.00
Victoria Dock	2	106.00
	4	106.00
	16	239.00
	17	239.00
	22	106.00
	24	106.00
Appleton Dock	B	159.00
	C	159.00
	D	180.00
	E	90.00
	F	90.00
Webb Dock	3	239.00
	4	239.00
	5	239.00
Station Pier	OESP	133.00
	IWSP	133.00
	OWSP	133.00
Breakwater Pier		180.00

Berth Hire cont/d

Berth		\$ per hour
Cruise Liners (24 hours minimum charge)		133.00
Gellibrand Pier		239.00
Yarraville	1	239.00
	6	154.00
Holden Dock		214.00
Maribymong		154.00

Wharfage**Non Containerised/General Cargo**

Charges are based on the greater of weight or volume of the cargo.

	\$ per tonne or M ³
Inwards	
Overseas	1.29
Coastal	1.29
Empty Returns	0.41
Transhipments	0.64
Outwards	
Overseas	1.29
Coastal	1.29
Empty Returns	0.41
Transhipments	0.64

Wharfage cont/d**Containerised Cargo**

Charges are based on the length of the container. Rates for 8' and 9'6" height containers to be same as for 8'6" height. Rates for 40' (12.2m) length containers to be twice that for 20' (6.1m) length.

\$ per 20' container		
Inwards		
Overseas	Dry	37.40
	Insulated	37.40
Coastal	Dry	37.40
	Insulated	37.40
Empty		10.88
Transhipment		18.69
Outwards		
Overseas	Dry	37.40
	Insulated	37.40
Coastal	Dry	37.40
	Insulated	37.40
Empty		10.88
Transhipment		18.69

Bulk Cargo (Dry and Liquid only)

\$ per tonne or M ³		
Inwards		
Overseas	Crude Oil	1.29
	Phosphatic Rock	1.29
	Other	1.29
Coastal	Crude Oil	1.29
	Phosphatic Rock	1.29
	Other	1.29
Outwards		
Overseas		0.92
Coastal		0.77

Appendix 4: Pricing Order Cargo Categories

The initial Cargo Categories for use in the port of Melbourne are as follows:

Overseas Container Trade

1. Loaded Containers handled at Berth with an Agreement
2. Empty Containers handled at Berth with an Agreement
3. Loaded Containers handled at Berth with no Agreement
4. Empty Containers handled at Berth with no Agreement

Coastal General Cargo Trade

5. Accompanied Passenger Vehicles
6. Loaded Containers and other General Cargo
7. Empty Containers

Overseas Break Bulk

8. Motor Vehicles
9. Timber
10. Other Break Bulk

Liquid Bulk

11. Crude Oil and Other Feedstock
12. Imported Petroleum Products
13. Other Liquid Bulk Imports
14. Overseas Exports of Petroleum Products and Other Liquid Bulk
15. Coastal Exports of Petroleum Products and Other Liquid Bulk

Dry Bulk

16. Import
17. Export

Electricity Industry Act 1993

SECTION 155A

Notice of Relevant Date

The relevant date for the purposes of the allocation statement made on 22 November 1996 in relation to the allocation by Generation Victoria of certain liabilities to GASCOR, and for the purposes of the property, rights and liabilities allocated under that allocation statement, is hereby fixed, in accordance with the provisions of section 153A of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993**, as 26 November 1996.

Dated 22 November 1996

ALAN STOCKDALE
Minister responsible for the
Electricity Industry Act 1993

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

**NOTICE OF MAKING AND AVAILABILITY
OF STATUTORY RULES**

Shop Trading Reform (Polls) Regulations 1996

Notice is given that the Shop Trading Reform (Polls) Regulations 1996 were made by the Governor in Council on Tuesday 26 November 1996. The Regulations come into operation on that date.

In accordance with the provisions of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, as from 26 November 1996 copies of the Regulations can be obtained from the Office of Regulation Reform, Department of State Development, Level 14, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne (telephone 9651 9886) until such time as they are obtainable from Information Victoria, 318 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne.

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