

Grey Power Federation.

Submission to Electricity Authority on HVDC Benmore to Haywards link.

An old adage, “If it isn’t broken don’t fix it” seems to sum up quite simply what is required here.

Grey Power supports the approach taken by the Major Electricity Users Group which is to retain the present method of paying for the operation of the link.

At present the South Island generators pay directly for this link which was installed for the purpose of transmitting electricity generated in the South Island to its main market the North Island.

Ultimately all consumers pay the cost of operating this link. As this cost is already integrated into the total cost of the energy consumed at present.

To now suggest that the cost of operating this link should now be charged directly to the consumers does not make a lot sense for the consumer, only to the generator.

Is it not the function of the Electricity Authority to get the end cost of electricity to the consumer down?

Can you guarantee to the consumer that such a change as suggested will reduce the cost to the end user and not increase it?

Quite simply Grey Power’s submission is to retain the status quo. That is for the generators to continue pay up front for the operation of this link.

I make this submission on behalf of the Grey Power Federation.

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