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John Anderson Chief Executive The Lines Company PO Box 281 Te Kuiti

Dear John

## Invitation to attend RAG meeting on 24 October 2012

The Retail Advisory Group (RAG) invites you to attend its next meeting on 24 October 2012 to discuss the nature and operation of the contractual relationship between The Lines Company and its customers.

The RAG has been asked by the Electricity Authority to consider whether to develop minimum terms and conditions for the relationship between consumers and distributors (where the distributor has a direct relationship) and retailers (referred to as conveyance model arrangements).

The RAG is considering the nature and extent of the problem, and whether this option/approach addresses the problem (if there is found to be one).

The RAG is particularly interested in learning about the structure of The Lines Company's charges, its perspective on conveyance arrangements and any issues relating to distributors directly billing consumers.

The meeting will be held at the Authority in Wellington on Wednesday 24 October. You, and any staff members you would like to attend, are invited to join the RAG for lunch at 12.15pm, with a 45 minute discussion scheduled to commence at 12.45pm.

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss anything prior to the meeting.

For organisational matters, please contact Craig Evans at the Authority (craig.evans@ea.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

**Peter Allport** 

Chair, Retail Advisory Group

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