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Dear Warren

Transmission Pricing Methodology: Avoided cost of transmission payments for distributed generation- extension of time

Thank you for your letter dated 3 December 2013 requesting an extension to the timeframe for submissions on the Authority's "Transmission Pricing Methodology (TPM), Avoided cost of transmission (ACOT) payments for distributed generation working paper" (ACOT working paper).

You have asked the Authority to extend the timeframe for submissions by 4-6 weeks on the basis that you have limited time to prepare a submission given the upcoming holiday period and the need to coordinate a response with other industry parties.

The ACOT working paper was released on 19 November 2013 with a deadline for submissions of 31 January 2014. This is an extended consultation period of over ten weeks, and was set to account for any possible disruption caused by the Christmas/New Year holiday period. This is considerably longer than outlined in the Authority's consultation charter, which states that a period of six weeks will usually be allowed for consultation with interested parties.

The Authority is willing to meet with parties individually in December 2013 or January 2014 to discuss the ACOT working paper and work through any aspects that parties may wish to examine in detail.

The Authority considers the consultation period for the ACOT working paper allows sufficient time for parties to consider and respond to the ACOT working paper. If you would like to discuss aspects of the ACOT working paper with the Authority, or any other aspect of the TPM process, please contact John Rampton at john.rampton@ea.govt.nz or on 04 471 8630.

Yours sincerely



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