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Subject: Second Issues Paper – Transmission Pricing Methodology: issues and proposals

I do not support any of the Electricity Authority proposals detailed in the TPM Second Issues Paper dated 17 May 2016, which would see a multi-million dollar increase in electricity transmission prices for Aucklanders.

I do not support Aucklanders paying an additional \$78 million each year in transmission grid charges. The EA proposal would result in an average residential customer like me, paying approximately \$97 extra each year, while businesses would face a \$148 increase each year, schools an additional \$1,577 each year and large electricity users like hospitals paying up to \$22,000 extra every year.

The transmission pricing proposal is not fair or right, particularly given large profitable electricity generators such as Meridian and Contact and the owners of Tiwai Smelter would benefit financially by \$94 million a year from the proposal, largely at the cost of Auckland and upper North Island consumers, like me.

I believe transmission costs should be funded equally by all users of the electricity grid, including the electricity generators.

The transmission pricing proposal will mean that Auckland and Upper North Island regional electricity customers will be funding increasing profits of well-resourced electricity generators. This cannot be in the long term benefit of consumers.

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Additional Comments:

Additional Comments made by private individual (added to pro forma submission)
Don't be greedy Mr Burns don't go down this road it is very unstable already full of potholes and you wanna put speed bumps on it you are already making millions what's the point on wanting more millions you won't live long enough to spend it anyway you have more then enough for your families future families and there future families take a bow you have done well the price is already high why I'm saying NO...!!!
I work with families who have children with life threatening medical conditions. These children need affordable heating for their homes so they can live as long as possible with good quality of life. Increasing electricity prices will make them more susceptible to respiratory illnesses and lead to hospitalisation and early death for my patients. People, especially our most vulnerable should come before profit.
It is bad enough that I have to suffer the injustice of such high rates for power supply via a supposed cheaper power company, namely contact energy, then, to have to read some news as price hiking for electricity supply is just beyond me. Greedy money hungry corporations...where have all the underdog companies disappeared to. I would change my subscription....but I cant find the ones that I want
Give us a life in supper city not penalty! .. you don't need middle agencies . What you need is a cheap method to supply and service. We pay major part to service provider middle man.. when these agencies do nothing more than take hefty part to only send invoice!
Get stuffed
We pay enough as it is in Auckland. The rich can afford it but not the average income house hold.
Greed is the word. Not fair on making life harder on the average person, everything is going up, think of families on medium or low wages, think of the elderly. Electricity generators and owners of Tiwai Smelter to be fair should be sharing in the cost, they make huge profits from the public.
How dare you. Every day we have something new to fund, taxpayers really have a raw deal. people simply can not afford these fixed amenity price hikes and you need to stop paying your executive bonus's ect ect and give us a break.
Power costs too much already. I have not had a decent pay increase that keeps up with inflation for six years. An increase in power is just too much
No thanks to increased power costs.
You can't keep passing costs to consumers
Things are expensive now with Power being the most expensive if the power goes up so much people wont be able to afford to have things like heaters going in winter which will lead to more suffering severe illnesses
Prices and expenses are already real high in Auckland there should be more done on reducing them not increasing them!
Definitely not in favour of supporting any increase of power usage more than what I have already paid with a high mortgage rate and other essential needs
The proposed increase are outrageous! I am not happy at all finding out about this! Power pricing at present is excessive and the new proposal will put many house holds under financial pressure!
Those of us on superannuation are struggling enough.
stop discharging financial burdens or costs onto people and make the big companies pay their fair share first!!!
just no,no,no
People are having a hard time as it is already in Auckland we do not need additional expenses we cqn bearly afford to live at the moment council should look for ways to help people live a better quality of life not put people in debt.
BIG NO
This lobby supported by the national govt is as close as criminality as all the bank system, unfortunately too many kiwis still believe in fairy tails . get off the grid is the answer
Why do you need to raise the bill up for? Why? Because it only benefits YOU and that's what's wrong with the rulers of the world they only do things that will benefit them while the rest of us suffer. Here's another thing why are the energy prices so damm high if its made from renewable sources like hydro and solar does it cost heaps to get it like oil no! So why the hell is it so expensive, I am very sorry for the inappropriate language but I know many will support my idea. Thankyou
Seriously, too many if us can't afford to live in the city we were born in as it is. Don't penalise us any more please.
Very difficult for many of us on relatively fixed incomes to cope with price rises. We are being told by the current government that inflation is at an all time low yet price rises of 5-10% on goods and services are going up all the time. St John announced today that ambulance charges are going up by 10%. Incomes are going up (for us) about 2% per annum at best.
Stop ripping the NZ people off just so you can pay your executives another extravagant bonus.
Our house is cold in winter and electricity is expensive so we suffer in a cold house in winter. NO to any price increases.
Go take a walk through Victoria Park in the DAYTIME to see our homeless. How do they get there? Some through not being able to meet their rent when their incomes are depleted. Price hikes for basics see KIWIS become poorer. Our wages are already deplorable. Immigrant labour, the Herald says allows wages to stay low. Where does everyone incoming want to live?? AUCKLAND placing a strain on existing infrastructure ... I occasionally live in the North of the North Island and even there right now folk lament the current price of power which drives up food etc prices. For sure we don't want a Johannesburg situation in Auckland but the solution is not in making more KIWIS homeless / destitute. Solutions lie with appropriate governance by politicians of the day.
What about implementing Solar Power!
Power prices must come down.
Surely the volume to the large comsumer base in Auckland creates economies of scale and the transmiision cost should be cheaper per user than the cost to a relatively much smaller number of users in other parts of the country. The proposal is an abosolute rort on Auckland consumers.

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Anything for less payments for the bills.
Get a life and spread the cost across all users of the grid.
Can't find the right words to say except it sux
It is insane how much it costs for hydro powered electricity. Shame on you for ripping off people who work hard and struggle as it is!!!!
People are already struggling as it is , don't increase .
We're FOREVER being told electricity is RENEWABLE, if its so RENEWABLE why is it so expensive.
Prices are already too high, especially in Auckland when house rental and house prices are going through the roofs.
This is another example of 'taxation creep' by a range of bureaucratic organisations (roading toll tax, water, wastage charges are small examples). This is totally unacceptable and is forcing a greater societal divide than ever before.
For most salaries are not increasing half as much as costs. Is the EA prepared to force more New Zealanders into poverty when there are other funding options?
you cant keep just keep charging what you like and paying huge salaries. Give something back to the people.
Out and out theft
The people at the top of these companies need to stop being so greedy and care about the people more! Humanity! Look at what's going on in our country with the housing issues & homelessness, and they want to strain families more.
We are already paying a lot. As it is our people are struggling to meet the current bills as many are unable to find funds. This will further increase Poverty in Auckland. Please think of the people!!!
make the people pay more for basic services !! While big companies profit!! Wake up call to all kiwis.....
Every year I receive a letter from my power company indicating an increase!!! I am saying EVERY YEAR, there's an increase! This is GREED! The costs of oil/petrol is decreasing since the past 2-3 years but the prices of power & airlines are still increasing!
I believe your need to do this is profit driven and it would be good if you could step back for once a do something compassionate for struggling people instead of helping to grind them into the ground...You don't need to raise prices..but you do need to help preserve the lives of families and of the elderly and low income people...you have the power to make a positive difference and a humane gesture to the citizens of our beautiful country...Lets all together make people's lives more comfortable
Let's stop lining the pockets of large businesses to the detriment of the average Kiwi. Be Fair
How much money, income is enough? People are already paying too much for thinks that does not cost alot!
Unjust! Discrimination against Jafa's!!
Couldn't agree more
Dont rip off the people you need.Your customers
We struggle now and our wages do not increase to help offset costs. Pretty soon we will have to have 2 full-time and one part-time job per family, just to pay the bills. Please think about the people you are disadvantaging by doing this, it will be the lower income earners who will bear the brunt of this sort of increase.
More should be done to encourage power use and storage outside of peak times. The grid does not have to be strengthened for a couple of hours a day. This "cost plus " mentality has to stop. The cost of inefficient investment can't continue to be passed on to consumers/ Electric Vehicle uptake will be suppressed by rising prices, destroying the environment and promoting global warming./ Does the Government pay lip service to its own policies? Who paid for the Cook Strait cable and it's upgrades?
Auckland is already the most expensive place to live in NZ so don't need added costs like this. The Upper North is also one of the poorest areas so why put added costs on to those who can least afford them.
Many people, myself included, hesitate to use heaters and dehumidifiers unless really necessary as the cost is so high. This is leading to cold damp homes.
Because struggling to pay bill nows
After owning almost 100% of the power companies now you want more money for what was wasted on your rich buddies. How many more will this kill. Is this where your houses are coming from? If I have a baby that gets sick and dies I am guilty of man slaughterer. The government does it everyday and nothing done. Yes they deserve the same charges as we do.
I do not support Aucklanders paying an additional \$78 million each year in transmission grid charges.
NO HIKE.
I don't agree with a hike in electricity transmission
Give us a break. We pay enough!
I am a pensioner and it is difficult enough surviving let alone having to pay out more in electricity. More oldies in hospital should be the motto.
NZ Inflation rate is lower than 3%, why should I support an increment greater than that?
Be fair!
Great is killing this world fast. Don't be part of the corruption.

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This is an absolutely disgraceful submission from the EA. What about the earthquake in Christchurch shall we just make the South Island pay for any increase in premiums.!

Get you act together ,people are struggling all over NZ on limited incomes but rents in Auckland are higher than anywhere in the country how are those people and pensioners going to cover increase in power when what the pension has gone up \$5 a week!! Get real and get you act together. Who is leading this , somebody obviously paid too much money will no sense.

'NO' to \$78 million hike to Auckland's.

I'm barely going to be able to afford university. So just stop.

How do you expect pensioners to be able to afford your increases when they struggle to live on a pension as it is? Sheer greed on your part. NOT HAPPY!

People everywhere are struggling as it is in just making ends meet... we have families living in their cars due to high rise of rent and now electricity....our income doesnot meet the cost of living. ... cost of living goes up constantly and yet are wages doesn't even budge that much and if it does then we get taxed just for increase in our wages...

I use to love being a proud New Zealander due to our awesome sense of community, Now that is getting lost, it's so saddening

NO

I do not own a house, but I do know that such an increase in price is unreasonable and really not needed.

This Government is suppose to sort these guys out for the people - getting a back hand.

No way

Every body wants more tolls on in road in aukland more tax on petrol more rates more water rates waste water rates more more more enough now please I have a family plus a new baby to support give us a break

Stop ruining the future.. I'm a student in Auckland, we've already got enough financial adversity to face, so stop being greedy.

Enough is enough!

People can't afford all these increases !!!

The price is already way high and higher then anywhere in the world. We produce more then enough electricity . So no need of hike but a decrease is warranted.

It is hard enough paying bills & paying for all household expenditure when one is a pensioner, without paying more.

Please, for the good of all find another way. Auckland is expensive enough as it is to live in.

More price hikes?! Many families can't afford to put food on the table little own keep the lights on now! Further hikes may mean choosing not to have power, keep warm and dry, even more unhealthy homes and more serious and preventable illness and strain on the health sector potentially.

I have come from a country where the interference of the government ended up affecting open markets where national companies compete with international parties. It eventually backfired and increased costs, making the economy less competitive.

solar energy is looking better and better .These people are just greedy surely theres something we can do to stop these pratts.

Enough is enough

Power is already too high, we are all struggling to live. Thats why people are living in cars because they cannot afford to pay the costs of living in houses

Please drop this practice of targeting and charging Aucklanders for all the issues. Most of the issues are due to people taking big salaries and taking wrong decisions. A number of Aucklanders would love to move out of Auckland if they the option of having their bread and butter out if Auckland. Charge the big companies to open offices in Auckland. Force them to move away and open offices in other cities. Will see what happens when you pick someone your own size.

who would want to pay more

Stop hitting the consumers elderly young sick will all turn heat off sickness will prevail

We already pay extra water in Auckland that many other towns and cities around NZ do not have to pay - I am not in favour of paying more for electricity

Cost of living is increasing each day without any increase in our wages/salary. This is driving Aucklanders/NZers towards poverty; or worsening it for those who was alrwady poor and struggling to provide their whanau with basics.

I am sure there are other means of sourcing funds needs to meet the needs e.g. MPs having pay cuts, CEO and major of Auckland doing the same.

Please let average NZers/Aucklanders live in peace, leave few cents in their pockets for emergency use. They also needs to enjoy their lives and not die paying bills and meeting basics human needs i.e. food, water and shelter.

Seems to be a move to punish Aucklanders and have them fund the operation of Tiwai Point Aluminium Smelter who will benefit from much cheaper power.

Especially in view of how often we get power cuts over here on Waiheke Island. It ain't on!

We pay enough as it is.

no!!!

Prices are high enough, stop being greedy, you get way more than most people.

This will affect all of us including your grandkids, give a thought about our future not your pockets.

Shareholders must not be looked after at the expense of customers.

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This is just another attempt to create profits from providing what is now considered a necessity in modern life. Even the basic need of light, and heat should not be subjected to the price gouging that goes on in NZ
I have lived in Australia, a land mass so much greater than NZ, that relies on 80% of it's power supply from coal, (whereas NZ is about 80% renewables) and my power bills there were almost 1/3rd cheaper than NZ. (and Aussies moan about their costs).
So something is very wrong.
You might argue that it is necessary for maintenance, to maintain profit, whatever, but Kiwis are not have not experienced wage growth in the last 10 yrs of any consequence, and yet authorities such as yourself seem incapable of operating within your income limits.
New Zealand consumers are being ripped off and this has to stop,

What is the explanation for extra costs? Are we talking about new lines ? Not enough info. My electricity is so costly as it is. As a pensioner I can hardly afford to have my heating on during the winter. Use heaters very sparingly and go to bed at night to keep warm. Whose pockets will the increased charges fill.?

boo!