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Dear Mariota

Request to present to the Innovation and Participation Advisory Group (IPAG)

The IPAG is exploring in more depth the concerns raised in submissions to the *Enabling mass participation* consultation relating to open or equal access to electricity networks. The IPAG are currently investigating the problem to set the direction of the project's analysis. The IPAG have asked the secretariat to contact a number of stakeholders as part of these investigations.

The IPAG would like to invite you to offer your views on whether existing equal access arrangements to transmission and distribution networks need to evolve to ensure that consumers benefit. The context relates to technology changes and business model innovations that are already impacting the electricity industry in New Zealand.

The IPAG is very keen for the tenor of the discussion to be consumer focused. The IPAG wants to hear and explore your views on how different aspects relating to the existing access arrangements to transmission and distribution networks that might impact on consumers because they affect competition, efficiency and reliability in the electricity industry.

The IPAG is interested in the arguments raised in your submission to the *Enabling mass participation* consultation paper, and any other aspects that you might consider relevant in relation to the existing access arrangements to transmission and distribution networks.

Your presentation and discussion time would be 30 minutes. This includes time to offer your views to the IPAG and a good opportunity for discussion with the IPAG. The presentation would be on Thursday, 22 March 2018.

Please contact Arik Mordoh for more information (arik.mordoh@ea.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chairperson