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By email: submissions@ea.govt.nz

Dear Carl

Proposed Code Amendment: Regulatory Framework for the Transmission Pricing Methodology

Meridian appreciates the opportunity to make submissions on the Electricity Authority's (Authority) consultation paper 'Proposed Code Amendment: Regulatory Framework for the Transmission Pricing Methodology' (consultation paper).

Meridian agrees with the Authority's analysis that *'the interface between the statutory objective, the guidelines and the pricing principles is complex, unwieldy and combined with the ongoing lack of consensus around the pricing principles is a demonstrable regulatory failure'*. Meridian supports the Authority's proposal that the pricing principles and related interpretation clauses (clauses 12.79 and 12.80) are removed from the Code.

The attached appendix responds to questions raised by the Authority.

If you have any queries in relation to this submission please contact me.

Kind regards

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Attachment: Appendix One – Code Amendment Proposal – Regulatory Framework for the Transmission Pricing Methodology

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