

# CLAIM OF UNDESIRABLE TRADING SITUATION

(UTS)

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## **BASIS OF CLAIM**

### **Definition of “undesirable trading situation”, clause 1.1 of the Code**

*Specify relevant paragraphs under which Participant claims a UTS - refer to the full definition set out below*

*This UTS is claimed on the basis of the following paragraphs of the definition of ‘undesirable trading situation’ in clause 1.1 of Part 1 of the Code:*

- a) An event that threatens, or may threaten, trading on the wholesale market for electricity and that would, or would be likely to, preclude the maintenance of orderly trading or proper settlement of trades.**
- c)(i) manipulative or attempted manipulative trading activity**
- c)(iii) unwarranted speculation or an undesirable practice and**
- c)(v) an exceptional or unforeseen circumstances that is at variance with, or that threatens or may threaten, generally accepted principles of trading or the public interest.**

*Describe why in your view the claimed UTS is a contingency or event that threatens, or may threaten, trading on the wholesale market for electricity and that would, or would be likely to, preclude the maintenance of orderly trading or proper settlement of trades.*

**We believe the market events of 26 March 2011 have advantaged a generator at the disadvantage of ourselves, and other scale consumers of spot electricity. The financial magnitude of the impact will significantly affect our profitability.**

*Describe why, in your view, the claim UTS could not be satisfactorily resolved by any other mechanism available under the Code.*

**We are not aware of any other mechanism under the code that can satisfactorily resolve this issue.**

## **SOLUTION SOUGHT BY APPLICANT**

### **Clause 5.2 of the Code**

Describe how in your view the claimed UTS could be resolved by the Board, bearing in mind the following powers of the Board should it find that a UTS does exist

- suspending, or limiting or curtailing, an activity on the wholesale market for electricity, either generally or for a specified period:
- deferring completion of trades for a specified period:
- directing that any trades be closed out or settled at a specified price:
- giving directions to any participant to act in a manner (not inconsistent with the Code, any regulations, the Act, or any other law) that will, in the Board's opinion, correct or assist in overcoming the undesirable trading situation:

**1. *If the Authority finds that a UTS exists, then the Authority could direct that interim prices do not stand as final prices and direct that***

*any trades during the relevant periods be settled at specified final prices.*

#### **WHEN CLAIMED UTS OCCURRED**

Date: **26 March 2011**

Time: **10:30 to 17:30**

#### **DESCRIPTION CIRCUMSTANCES AND IMPACT**

*Please provide description of the circumstances surrounding the claim and include a detailed description of the impact the notifying participant suffered as a result of the claimed UTS.*

**It is our understanding that maintenance to transmission circuits between Waikato and Auckland took place on 26 March, and may have created the opportunity for a single generator to control market prices. Prices on the 26<sup>th</sup> were significantly higher than the previous day when the maintenance was not taking place.**

**On Wednesday, 30 March we were contracted by our spot supplier and notified of the event and impact on prices.**

**We do not yet know the full extent of the financial impact on our business of the event of 26 March, but estimate it to be \$ **xxx** and request that the figure in this paragraph be treated as confidential and commercially sensitive by the EA.**