



MAJOR ELECTRICITY USERS' GROUP

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Lisa Du Fall
Electricity Commission
By email to info@electricitycommission.govt.nz

Dear Lisa

Nomination for Transmission Pricing Technical Group

1. On 20th February 2009 the Electricity Commission requested nominations for a new member for the Transmission Pricing Technical Group¹.
2. MEUG wish to nominate Mr Graeme Everett, Manager Energy, of Norske Skog Tasman. Graeme can be contacted at Graeme.everett@norskeskog.com or by telephone 07 323 3708.
3. Graeme has a BE in Engineering Science and a Masters of Operations Research from the University of Auckland. He has worked in the paper industry for over 20 years in a variety of roles - process engineering, strategic planning and electricity management. Graeme was a finalist in the 2009 INFORMS Franz Edelman competition for excellence in Operations Research through supply chain optimisation modelling with Norske Skog. He has been responsible for Norske Skog Tasman's electricity purchasing, transmission contracts and related business since 2006. Graeme has been a member of the MEUG Executive Committee since 2001 and has contributed widely to the electricity industry in a number of forums - including being a member of the Electricity Commission's Wholesale Market Advisory Working Group, Constraints Issues Group. He was heavily involved in the consultation process considering the transmission pricing rules in 2007 and was a member of the CEO's Forum Working Group on transmission pricing. MEUG considers Graeme to be an excellent candidate for the Transmission Pricing Working Group. He has a very good knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding transmission pricing and in our view will make a valuable contribution to the group.
4. MEUG notes a general observation that we have experienced great difficulty in attracting suitable candidates to be nominated for Commission Advisory and Technical Groups. The two main difficulties for MEUG companies are time and cost. Even partial reimbursement to cover time and travel costs would help lower the barrier to improved participation.

Yours sincerely

Ralph Matthes
Executive Director

¹ Refer <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/pdfs/advisorygroups/pitteam/tptg/call-for-nominations-May10.pdf>