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By email to submissions@ea.govt.nz

Dear John

Consultation Paper—Decision-making and economic framework for transmission pricing methodology review

- This is a submission on the Electricity Authority consultation paper titled above published 26th January 2012¹. Members of MEUG have been consulted on this submission. Some MEUG members are also making submissions. This submission is not confidential.
- 2. The approach by the Authority to step back from the detail and work of TPAG and consider decision-making and economic frameworks is sensible.
- 3. MEUG has commissioned NZIER to assist review and provide advice on the questions in the consultation paper. A report to that effect is attached; refer NZIER, "TPM Framework Review – An assessment of the Electricity Authority Consultation Paper on a 'Decisionmaking and economic framework for transmission pricing methodology review", 24th February 2012. The NZIER report should be read as part of submissions by MEUG.
- 4. We look forward to the Authority considering this submission. After the cross-submission phase we would welcome an opportunity to discuss this submission with the Authority.

Yours sincerely

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¹ http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/transmission/tpm-economic-framework/