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By email to tpm@transpower.co.nz

Dear Rebecca

TPM: Review of Connection Asset Replacement Costs

1. This is a cross-submission from the Major Electricity Users' Group (MEUG) on the submissions of the four submitters on the TPM consultation paper "Review of Connection Asset Replacement Costs" 28 July 2022.¹ MEUG members have been consulted in the preparation of this submission. This submission is not confidential.
2. MEUG agrees with the submission of Electra [p2]:

"We urge Transpower to confirm individual customers' transmission charges as soon as practicable. The release of prices in late November or early December is too late; we will need time to consider the impacts of the increase in transmission costs on our consumers much earlier than this."
3. Transpower's planned release of prices in late November or early December is unchanged from prior years. The risk is EDB will have delays incorporating new transmission charges into EDB tariffs. The EA on Tuesday published a draft guidance for EDB on pass through of transmission charges using the new TPM. MEUG urges EDB, retailers, Transpower and the EA to work collaboratively to ensure effective and timely consideration by EDB of new TPM charges. End customers and their representatives, such as MEUG, are willing to engage in that process. MEUG suggests earlier engagement with affected parties is preferred rather than last minute consultation or at worst simply announcing new tariff decisions without consulting end customers.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Submissions at <https://www.transpower.co.nz/our-work/industry/transmission-pricing-methodology/tpm-consultations-2022>