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Consultation Paper - Proposed actions to correct 26 March 2011 UTS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on *Consultation Paper - Proposed actions to correct 26 March 2011 UTS* published by the Electricity Authority on June 15th 2011. Our answers to the two questions in the consultation paper follow:

Question 1

Do you agree with the proposed actions that the Authority intends to take to correct the UTS? Please give reasons for your answer.

We do not agree with the proposed actions that the Authority intends to take to correct the UTS. We have provided our reasons to the Electricity Authority in our previous submission and cross-submission.

We are disappointed that the Electricity Authority, having sought submissions and cross-submissions, makes scant reference to any points made by submitters. We note, however, that the Electricity Authority makes many references to points raised by UTS claimants.

We are also confused by the conclusions of the Electricity Authority which seem to be that a UTS occurred on March 26th but if a similar event happened in the future a UTS will unlikely to be found to occur – unless demand forecasts are inaccurate.

Question 2

Are there any other actions that the Authority should take to correct the UTS? If so, please detail the other actions.

Yes. As we have already requested, if the Authority declares a UTS and resets prices we wish to receive constrained off compensation. In our response to the Authority's letter to ourselves of 19th May 2011 we have provided calculations and data showing how much money we expect to receive as compensation.

Given our confusion regarding the Authority's decision we would appreciate it if the Authority would clearly articulate just what constitutes a UTS, and what doesn't.



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