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By email to carl.hansen@ea.govt.nz

Dear Carl

Request for an extension in time for submissions on the TPAG Transmission pricing discussion paper

At the TPAG briefing yesterday I mentioned that MEUG members at the MEUG Annual General Meeting on 15th June had agreed that the proposals to change the allocation of HVDC charges posed a material immediate risk to their businesses. MEUG members were sceptical of claimed longer term benefits. Accordingly MEUG is allocating resources to enable expert comment to be given on the discussion paper. This week we commissioned one set of experts and are considering if other external resources will also be required.

The material considered by and analysis by TPAG is not trivial. To properly consider and articulate responses of help to TPAG will be resource and time intensive. As I mentioned at the briefing we will not be in a position to make quality submissions by 14th July. MEUG therefore requests a two week extension to the date at which submissions are due.

Individual MEUG members have indicated they will be writing separately in support of this request.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director