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HVDC component of Transpower's proposed variation to the Transmission Pricing Methodology – Consultation Paper

Mighty River Power welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Authority on the above consultation.

We support the HVDC component of Transpower's proposed variation to the Transmission Pricing Methodology and consider it to be preferable to the status quo and other options. The benefits of shifting from a peak (MW) to an average (MWh) injection charge for the HVDC are immediate and apparent, so we are pleased that the Authority is proposing to implement the change in September 2015.

We also support the Authority's proposal to progress any potential option to de-rate Upper South Island generation separately. As the Authority notes, Transpower can investigate the issue of de-rating USI generation and, in late 2016, either submit a proposal or indicate why de-rating would not promote the Authority's statutory objective.

Yours sincerely



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