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CONSULTATION PAPER—IMPLICATIONS OF EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY FOR PRICING OF DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

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There is no confidential information contained in this submission.

Counties Power Consumer Trust (Trust) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Electricity Authority's (EA) consultation paper "Implications of evolving technology for pricing of distribution services".

Counties Power Consumer Trust owns 100% of the shares in the electricity distribution company (EDB) Counties Power Limited. We are a consumer trust (as opposed to a community trust) which means that the Trustees' goal is to maximise the benefits to the persons (or entities) who have premises connected to the Counties Power network.

The Trust supports the position taken by its EDB with consumers having cost reflective pricing (service-based pricing). To achieve this it will be a necessary for the EA to amend the Electricity Industry Participation Code to require requirement that retailers to pass the distributor prices be passed through to end consumers.

Yours faithfully



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