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Dear Mike

Consultation paper – Enabling the system operator’s Dispatch Service Enhancement project

1. This is a submission by the Major Electricity Users’ Group (MEUG) on the consultation paper ‘Enabling the system operator’s Dispatch Service Enhancement project’ 10 April 2018.¹
2. MEUG members have been consulted in the preparation of this submission. This submission is not confidential. Some members may make separate submissions.
3. MEUG has been supportive of this project. The System Operator workshop held 15 February 2018 was helpful in covering a complex topic and allowing different participant viewpoints to be discussed. The consultation paper cost-benefit-analysis is an improvement on prior CBA; though we never doubted that transitioning from sole reliance on GENCO was essential. We continue our support of the proposed implementation of DSE with the proposed changes to Part 13 of the Code and the Approved Systems Document including the sunset provision at the end of 2020 for use of GENCO.
4. Norske Skog Tasman (NST), as a DD participant, is the only MEUG member that will be directly affected in terms of having to transition from GENCO to the alternative communication protocols of either ICCP or web services. DSE will facilitate RTP earlier than if GENCO is not replaced and therefore other MEUG members have an interest in this project being implemented. NST is making a separate more detailed submission. MEUG supports the submissions of NST including the proposal ICCP or web services be also approved for SCADA data transmission.

Yours sincerely



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¹ URL <https://www.ea.govt.nz/dmsdocument/23319> at <https://www.ea.govt.nz/development/work-programme/operational-efficiencies/dispatch-service-enhancement/consultations/#c17042>