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Dr Daniel Tulloch
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By email: daniel.tulloch@ea.govt.nz

Dear Daniel,

Extension request for Default Distributor Agreement for smaller distributors

The sector is working well together implementing the new Default Distributor Agreements ('DDA'). The consultation process for larger distributors' agreements is well underway. Both retailers and smaller distributors are waiting to see the published agreements from the first five distributors to use as a model.

The Authority's timeframe for implementing the DDAs is 150 days after the new Part 12A came into force for the larger distributors: Orion, Powerco, Unison, Vector, Wellington Electricity Lines. The remaining, smaller, distributors have 210 days, which is 15 February 2021.

The Authority's timeframe means the time available until February 15th for the development, consultation, review and finalisation of the small distributors' agreements is short – particularly given the sheer number of DDAs to consider over this period. In addition, the Christmas holiday period falls in the middle of this narrow window.

A small extension will result in better DDAs between retailers and smaller distributors and will ease pressure on industry staff over this time. Therefore, I request the Authority consider an urgent Code change to **extend the deadline for other distributors from 210 days to 300 days**, making the effective date 16 May 2021.

ERANZ has discussed this proposal with ENA and it has said it would not oppose a request for an extension, and indeed would support an extension so long as it did not limit some EDBs from publishing their DDA before any extended deadline

Yours sincerely,



Cameron Burrows
Chief Executive

CC: Graeme Peters, Chief Executive, ENA