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Submission: Amendments to correct issues in the new TPM

1. This is Vector's submission on the Electricity Authority's (Authority) consultation on Amendments to correct issues in the new TPM. Nothing in this short submission is confidential.
2. As the Authority notes the TPM is a long and technically complex piece of the Code. Amendments to anything that is long and technically complex is likely to take time for parties impacted by such amendments to understand their impact. We are therefore disappointed the Authority has only allowed two weeks for interested parties to consider and prepare submissions on the proposed TPM amendments. We would encourage the Authority to allow longer consultation periods when considering amendments to the TPM.
3. The Authority states in its consultation paper that it considers the amendments proposed are technical and non-controversial. However, in our limited review of the consultation material we could not see any quantification of the impact the amendments may have on individual connected parties. Furthermore, we would assume, given the amendments take effect immediately that the quantification of impacts on individual connected parties would have already been undertaken when determining that the changes are in fact just technical and non-controversial. We consider it a fundamental requirement that consultation material on TPM amendments contain estimates of the likely impacts on individual connected parties.

Yours sincerely



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