

14 December 2022

By email: james.kilty@powerco.co.nz

James Kilty
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Re: Winter Peak Ancillary Service Product to maintain security standards

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2022, advising us of the urgency of the work you are doing to design a product ahead of winter 2023. The Authority's Board will consider that letter alongside the views, analysis, and suggested options of all sector participants, and as part of the consultation process outlined in our paper *Driving efficient solutions to promote consumer interests through Winter 2023*. As with all our consultations, it is important that all stakeholders are provided with the same opportunity to participate and provide feedback in an open and transparent process.

The Authority would welcome a more substantive submission from the CE forum as part of that consultation process, and we will consider it alongside the views of other interested parties as we examine options most likely to provide the best long-term outcomes for consumers.

In line with our standard consultation process, we also welcome the opportunity to engage with participants to clarify our consultation purpose and discuss potential submissions. I encourage you to contact the project team to arrange a meeting to discuss your submission. The best person to contact is Chris Otton, Chris.Otton@ea.govt.nz

In line with the Authority's commitment to transparency, we will be proactively releasing your letters dated 28 October, 4 November, 15 November 2022 and 12 December – along with our responses, on our website. I do not consider there are any grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to withhold any content from the letters. However, please let me know by 5pm on 19 December if you have any objections (based on the withholding grounds under the OIA) to this release.

Yours sincerely,



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