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Hi Grant

Have been in discussion with Energy News over their story on the Code exemption (long story) and they are going to rework the first two parts of the story and have sent it to us to check.

Here's what they propose:

The Electricity Authority has told its clearing manager to prioritise settling prices from the blackouts on 9 August 2021 over paying out interest accruing in its accounts.

Energy Clearing House received an exemption from new residual payment obligations so it can concentrate its resources on settling prices from that night, when more than 35,000 people were needlessly disconnected amid near-freezing temperatures.

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