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**Cc:** Danny Sheehy; Glenn J  
**Subject:** [SPAM] Masterton District Council - Power Price Spike  
**Importance:** Low

Hi Bruce

We wish to voice our objection to the price spike event on 26<sup>th</sup> March. I appreciate there is a review process in place, but wanted to ensure our concerns were voiced.

We have been a customer of Trust Power since October 2010. We have several 'time of use' sites, including our swimming pools, and the charging of these is subject to ACLF exposure. That exposure has resulted in minor fluctuations to date, but the 26<sup>th</sup> March event has caused a 50% increase in our usual monthly account for the pools. That is a \$12,500 extra cost, which is unbudgeted. Our Rates income is set based on budgets and we have no opportunity to increase the current year income in response to such unpredictable price movements.

Our Councillors and ratepayers are extremely frustrated by a power pricing market that can cause such huge and unrealistic price variations.

We would appreciate any efforts your authority can make toward reversing the effects of the event and ensuring such market events do not happen in the future.

Thanks

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