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Networks and System Change Electricity Authority Via email: <u>distribution.feedback@ea.govt.nz</u>

Tēnā koutou,

Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects: feedback on clause 2.16 information notice

Powerco Limited (**Powerco**) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Electricity Authority's (**Authority**) consultation on improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects: clause 2.16 information notice. As with our submissions on the Authority's *Network Connections Project (stage one)* consultation, we agree that there are opportunities to improve network connections, as current processes are creating barriers to connecting to networks and slowing down our progress towards a timely and efficient transition to a low carbon economy. We support regulatory interventions that assist the energy transition and protect customers.

We agree that improving visibility of distribution network-connected generation and load nationally will support a timely and least cost transition. An information notice will support this if it is appropriately targeted and proportionate. We support the Electricity Networks Aotearoa suggestion that any clause 2.16 information notice would best achieve this if:

- The information required from Electricity Distribution Businesses (EDBs) is consistent with that required to be published in individual EDB connection pipelines, under the Authority's Network Connections Project (stage one) decisions
- The confidentiality requirements applied to the information requirements for this proposal are consistent with those for individual EDB connection pipelines
- New reporting requirements are introduced in a phased manner starting quarterly and moving to monthly
 after an initial implementation period (say 1 year)
- The process for individual EDB connection pipelines and an aggregated national connections pipeline does not involve duplicated effort.

We are always keen to meet with the Authority to discuss and develop the ideas in our submissions. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to talk further on the points we have raised, please contact Emma Wilson (Emma.Wilson@powerco.co.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,



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¹ Powerco <u>Submission on network connections stage one amendments</u>