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**Consultation Paper – requirement for distributors to pay negative charges when consumers supply electricity at peak times: definition of small business**

The WEL Networks appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the above consultation.

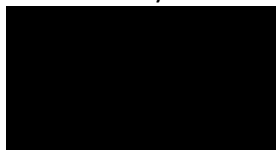
WEL Networks (WEL) is New Zealand's sixth largest electricity distribution company and is 100% owned by our community through our sole shareholder WEL Energy Trust. Our guiding statement of strategic intent is to be leading Waikato's energy future, and we work to ensure that our customers have access to reliable, affordable, and environmentally sustainable energy.

WEL supports the proposed revised definition of small business consumers as it better captures the consumers intended to benefit from the Code change.

We also support the two limits contained within the proposed definition as this enables the definition to be pragmatically applied to different distributor's pricing constructs.

We have not addressed the specific questions in the consultation as, other than our general support for the proposed definition, we have no comments to make. Should you require clarification on any part of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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