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**IM Review – Commission publishes comments on IM review process by the ENA along with Commission response to these comments**

Good afternoon

The Commission has today published correspondence received from the Energy Networks Association (ENA) on the process for IM Review. We have also published a letter sent by the Commission to respond to these comments and other related comments received as part of Powerco's comments on the CPP fast-track process, submitted on 10 July.

The Commission has decided not to depart from our stated process and timing for submissions and cross-submissions following the input methodologies forum. We have also decided at this stage against issuing any further paper (e.g. reissue of the invitation to contribute to problem definition paper) for submitters to comment on following the forum, or making further changes to our Input methodologies review process.

We would like to reiterate, however, that the key motivation for us running this problem definition phase of our review, a phase which we have not run in the past, is to help enable stakeholders turn their issues with the input methodologies into problem definitions that we can then access (along with the ones we have identified) for inclusion in the review. Following the receipt of submissions we expect to have a much clearer picture of the topics and problems for the ongoing review. At that point we plan to be in the position to further develop the process and timing for the next phase of the review and to update stakeholders on detailed next steps for review of problems defined for individual topics and / or input methodologies.

We anticipate that before the draft decision stage for the IM review (indicatively May 2016) there will be further opportunity for engagement and comment by stakeholders. This will likely depend on the nature of the individual topics and as I have noted we are best placed to assess this following receipt of submissions on the Problem Definition Paper.

The ENA letter and Commission response along with Powerco's comments on the CPP fast-track process can be found at the following link: <http://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/input-methodologies-2/input-methodologies-review/>

Submissions on the Invitation to contribute to problem definition paper remain due on 21 August 2015.

Many thanks,  
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