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Subject: Feedback on Aurora investment plan

The following feedback has been received on the Aurora investment plan:

Introduction

Please provide your email address if you want to be kept up to date with our assessment:



Revenue smoothing

Please indicate whether you agree with our draft decision to apply Scenario 1 and describe what you see as the benefits to consumers of this scenario. If you instead prefer Scenario 2, please outline your reasons and describe what you see as the consumer benefits of deferring revenues, even if it means paying an interest cost later.:

We are responding on behalf of the Hawea Community Association. We support Scenario 1 as it minimises the impact of this necessary work in the long term on our community. Concerns remain about the consistent and significant disparities in increases between regions. for example in 2025/26 Hawea residents will be paying 58% more than those in Dunedin.

Monitoring Aurora's delivery

Would our proposals provide you with enough information to know whether Aurora is delivering its plan and improving its performance? If no, why not and what further or alternative information would you require to achieve this?:

HCA supports the new accountability measures. It is unclear to us in the event of non-delivery what if any consequences there will be for Aurora. We recommend penalty measures that will not be passed onto consumers (e.g. penalty funded out of profits).

Network outages

We are interested in your view of the impacts of setting outage targets at this level, and whether you consider it to be reasonable given the state of Aurora's network.:

HCA agree with the Commissions position

Capital spending

Do you think our approach to Aurora's growth projects is the right one, given the current uncertainty with electricity demand in Otago?:

HCA supports the strategy given the flexibility it allows if demand growth materialises

Operating spending

Do you think our assessment of Aurora's operating spending properly accounts for its capabilities and business costs?:

HCA agrees with the Commissions assessment that Aurora needs to become more efficient.

Further comments

Is there anything else you want to bring to the Commission's attention?:

No