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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.:

disagree They should not be allowed to make increases above the consumer price index. They should borrow the money and pay it back over the life of the assets ie 50-100 years and collect their revenue over that period.

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?:

That and more

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.:

The evidence shows they are now over spending. Of the 200 or so poles replaced in Dunedin 90% when tested showed they were fine. The same is happening in Central with pole replacements and pole stapling. They are over reacting.

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?:

If it is a capital spend do we get a share of the company? They should recover any spend over the life of the assets.

Operating spending

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

They are taking advantage of the situation and overspending

Further comments

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

A commissioner should be put in place to review the debacle that has occurred to allow this to happen in the first place. Anything less is unacceptable. There must be accountability, there has not been to date.