
From: Karen Murray
Sent: Tuesday, 8 March 2011 2:01 p.m.
To: 'Ian.Ferguson@vector.co.nz'
Subject: Commission response to Vector query re: addition of EGCC levies as pass-through costs for GTBs

Ian,

Thank you for your email. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you on this query.

If GTBs are confirmed as members of the EGCC then the membership levies are expected to meet the requirements of clause 3.1.2 for GTBs.

An amendment will be considered once the GTBs are admitted to the EGCC scheme and the precise details of any levy are finalised. Whether the Commission amends the IM determination or the DPP determination would depend on the timing of the GTBs admission to the scheme.

The Commission welcomes further updates on the timing of admission to the scheme from Vector.

I will publish your request for clarification along with my response on the Commission's website for the information of other interested parties.

Kind regards
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From: Ian Ferguson [<mailto:Ian.Ferguson@vector.co.nz>]
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Subject: EGCC levies for Gas Transmission Businesses

Hi there,

In the Input Methodology Determinations, Electricity and Gas Complaints Commissioner levies are treated as pass-through costs for EDBs and GDBs. No such provision is made for GTBs. However, gas transmission businesses are currently in the process of being confirmed as members of the EGCC.

Gas transmission inclusion in the EGCC scheme is reflected in the latest draft of the new EGCC scheme document at the link: <http://www.egcomplaints.co.nz/docs/Draft%20Version.pdf> (see, for example, the definition of Gas Lines Company).

In our view, it would be reasonable and consistent for any EGCC levies that apply to GTBs to be passed through in the same way as for other regulated services.

This could be achieved either through an amendment to the IM or through the DPP determination (using clause 3.1.2(1)(b)(i) in the GTB IM determination to add levies to the list of pass through costs in a 52P determination).

This email therefore asks the Commission if it will allow for gas transmission EGCC levies to be passed through and, if so, the likely method and timeframe by which this will be done.

Regards,

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