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To Whom It May Concern

I basically oppose the application by Aurora in all its form, for the following reasons:

It seems hard to grasp how we have ended up in this situation, apart from realising that Aurora has continuously under-invested in infrastructure while continuing to pay hefty dividends to its shareholders. This method of operating a business was always going to come back & bite Aurora's ass.

Which it now has, and with this application Aurora is essentially proposing their customers bail out a company that is arguably insolvent. While there may be little value in litigating the past, it raises questions as to Aurora's ability to deliver acceptable standards of service to its customers in the future.

The way the Commerce Commission has designed its feedback form about this application seems to suggest that Aurora's proposal for increasing fees is a done deal, the only detail to be finalised as to the timetable & methodology of how/when it will increase its fees.

I would prefer that Aurora be definitively encouraged to split off the Central Otago network, and it be managed on behalf of its consumers by a cooperative or public trust similar to Network Waitaki, so that Central Otago residents control their own future & are not at the behest of a Dunedin-based monopoly that pads its shareholders' pockets.

Kind regards,

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