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Subject: Commission receives Aurora Energy's application to increase prices to fund \$383 million network investment plan

## **Dear Commerce Commission**

My feedback, although not living in the area serviced by Aurora (thank goodness), is that it is disgusting that such an organisation that provides an essential service in NZ, would consider increasing it's prices after the negative financial impact Corvid-19 has caused. Any price increase would only further damage the economy and am sure it would have other related consequences such as increased crime, and deteriorating health with subsequent increases on medical resources.

In an area that is over-priced for accommodation, the ramifications of any price increase in electricity will affect the local economy, impacting on businesses that already find it difficult to attract and retain a workforce, often associated with retail and tourism, which are already not receiving a livable wage.

Maximising profit should not be the goal of any essential service, especially those utilities on which everyone is reliant such as electricity and water providers.

Yours sincerely,