



**Submission on Starting Price Adjustments  
for Default Price-Paths Discussion paper**

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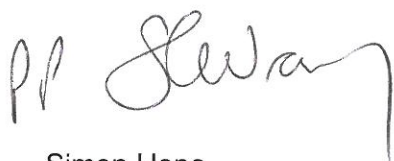
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## General Comments

Contact Energy Limited ("Contact") welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Commerce Commission on the "Starting Price Adjustments for Default Price-Quality Paths Discussion Paper"

Contact supports the efforts of the Commerce Commission in the development of the underlying framework for starting price adjustments to the Default Price Path (DPP).

Contact believes that any DPP should provide for appropriate signals and incentives to infrastructure owners to innovate and to invest, including in replacement, upgraded and new assets. It should also ensure that the arrangements provide efficient pricing to users, and an appropriate level of service to facilitate growth of the gas market and associated energy markets. These aims are in line with the purpose of Part 4 of the Commerce Act. As such, Contact believes that starting price adjustments that better address these signals and facilitate growth should be supported.



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