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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.:

Revenue smoothing would be more practical to Central Otago and Queenstown consumers if Dunedin consumers shouldered more of their responsibility. It is this disparity that makes the forecasts untenable. A grave injustice by Dunedin City has been allowed to happen and this needs to be acknowledged in a more tangible manner by its consumers. This is the. Type. Of revenue smoothing that Central and Queenstownconsumers are poking for.

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?:

Continued oversight and advocacy by the Commerce Commission at the annual reviews planned will be necessary to guard against further inadequacies.

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.:

Recent inadequate information and follow through on planned outages where businesses and individuals have been put at risk must be monitored and reported back to the Commerce Commission. This aspect of Aurora has been woefully negligent.

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?:

No Refer back to Smoothing #1

Operating spending

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

Further comments

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