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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.:

I believe that Aurora's Energy's Investment plan is not reasonable or fair for consumers who are subjected to a monopoly business which has been effectively asset stripped by the Dunedin City Council. The current situation is the result of a parent company (DCC/Dunedin City Holdings) demanding dividends based on fraudulent accounting practices to inflate its returns for the benefit of Dunedin ratepayers. The degradation of the network is simply the result of Aurora not investing the income it has received from electricity users across Central Otago and Queenstown who are subject to the monopoly model. Given that the Dunedin ratepayer has been the benefactor of the asset stripping then it seems fair and reasonable that the Dunedin ratepayer/electricity consumer wear the majority if not all of the cost in this investment plan. The fact that Central Otago and Queenstown wear the brunt of the Asset stripping under these plans is clearly a decision which favours the Dunedin who again is the owner of Aurora. The credibility and objectivity of Aurora and the DCC/Dunedin City Holdings is serious flawed and has been for the past 20 years or so. The plan being considered is nothing short of the continued self serving monopoly model and the very reason we in Central Otago and Queenstown need the protection of the Commerce Commission.

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?:

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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.:

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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?:

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Operating spending

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

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Further comments

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

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