

13 December 2002

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Dear Bill

### **EGBL Authorisation Application**

Further to your email dated 22 November 2002.

#### *Changes to meet the conditions*

Meridian Energy is of the view that the proposed rule changes are necessary to give effect to the Commerce Commission's conditions to the authorisation of the Electricity Governance Board Limited's application.

#### *Changes to appeal rights in Part F*

Meridian Energy supports the rule changes to appeal rights in Part F of the Rulebook.

#### *Other matters*

Further to our joint letter, with Comalco and Transpower, to you dated 22 May 2002 we remain concerned that the rulebook will amend our existing long term bilateral contracts. While we are, with Transpower, developing the necessary rule changes to provide appropriate protection for these contracts the consultation process with industry stakeholders is not yet complete. Should the referendum be initiated without these necessary rule changes, then Meridian Energy will be forced to vote against the Rulebook.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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