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Submissions
Commerce Commission

By email: infrastructure.regulation@comcom.govt.nz

Re: Draft decision - Transpower NZGP1 stage one major capex proposal

Nova supports the Commerce Commissions decision to approve the application by Transpower to progress its NZGP1 stage one proposal.

Nova has previously lent its support to the CNI and WRK Ring upgrades, albeit it still considers Transpower remis in not including an upgrade of the Wairakei substation protection given;

- a) its locational criticality to the core grid,
- b) the materiality of adjoining grid upgrades, and
- c) the functionality remote-end grid protection plays in facilitating the efficient connection of new renewable generation,

thereby ensuring future supply reliability as power-flows across this part of the grid increase.

— Yours sincerely


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