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Dear Tricia

## **Submission on Gas Pipelines DPP Draft Reasons Paper**

1. This submission responds to the Commerce Commission's (Commission) draft decision "Default price-quality paths for gas pipeline services from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2022: Draft Reasons Paper" (draft decision), dated 10 February 2017.
2. GasNet appreciates the consideration the Commission has given to submissions made in response to its consultation paper, "Default price-quality paths for gas pipeline services from 1 October 2017: Policy for setting price paths and quality standards". The draft decision positively reflects a number of the suggestions made in those submissions. GasNet supports the draft decision and is satisfied that the processes in place for determining price paths for gas pipelines are clear and consistent.
3. The Commission states in footnote 81 of the draft decision that it is considering whether the sale by GasNet to First Gas Limited of gas distribution assets in the Bay of Plenty raises concerns under section 47 of the Commerce Act. To ensure certainty and to preserve the integrity of the DPP determination, this review should be completed before the final determination is made on 31 May 2017. GasNet would be grateful if the Commission could confirm that this will be done, and its expected timeframe.

If you have any queries in relation to this submission, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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