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To the Electricity Authority,

I do not support any of the Electricity Authority proposals detailed in the Transmission Pricing Methodology: Second Issues Paper – Supplementary Consultation dated 13 December 2016, which would see a multi-million dollar increase in electricity transmission prices for Aucklanders. I do not support Aucklanders paying an additional \$60 million each year in transmission grid charges.

The transmission pricing proposal is not fair or right, particularly given large profitable electricity generators such as Meridian and Contact and foreign owned companies such as Tiwai Smelter benefit financially by around \$95 million a year from the proposal, largely at the cost of Aucklanders like me.

I believe transmission costs should be funded equally by all users of the electricity grid, including the electricity generators.

The transmission pricing proposal will mean that electricity customers in Auckland, Ashburton, Greymouth, the Eastern Bay of Plenty, Whangarei, Kaitaia, Kerikeri and Kaikohe will be funding increasing profits of well-resourced electricity generators. This cannot be in the long term benefit of consumers.

Additional comments

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Northland already pays to much
Obviously no consideration for consumers many of whom are struggling with rising costs, rising rates and rents - and no wage rises - mine has risen a measly 2% this year which is not even = to cost of living increases
Northland has already had an investor with prospects of jobs for many, pull out because of your threat. Get real and stop milking the Northland cow.
I am planning to build a house soon and am considering going off grid to avoid such unfair charges.
It is a privilege for large companies (especially foreign owned ones) to benefit from our electrical resources - they should pay a fair price for them not the small users. Life is hard enough for regular home dwellers, to increase the power charges will challenge the already price challenged home user; particularly elderly, low income and young families who increasingly rely on electricity for heating as other options are made harder to be compliant with, or are not beneficial to health ie gas bottled heaters.
Last winter we had a \$400 power bill in one month just trying to stay warm. The next month we had to cut heating the house properly so the bill would not be as high. Try to conserve our power bill led to my 87 year old mother suffering from 2 serious bouts of flu - we can't afford the current rates! If you raise the price further it will have serious health consequences for many vulnerable members of the community.
The EA has not properly considered consumption management or small scale distributed generation to address the problem. The "cost plus" mentality, just build more infrastructure to handle the peaks rather than manage them and extend asset life, and pass the costs on to the

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<p>consumer, with everyone taking the slice of the cake on the way. This is no longer acceptable. I have just returned from a NZ Smartgrid mission to the USA, but nobody in NZ is prepared to adopt new technology due to regulatory uncertainty. Is is deplorable and should be made an election issue! It's like telecommunications - finally after 20 years the cost is coming down. Even Spark has turned the corner.</p>
<p>I am an invalid beneficiary. I was forced by my illness MS Multiple Sclerosis to leave my career after 17 years at one company. I am struggling to live in my own home with very limited income. Please have some thought for people like myself. Thank you.</p>
<p>Enough is enough the people have spoken</p>
<p>There is no real justification for this price hike other then corporate greed which the government is giving in to & supporting.</p>
<p>I also do not supportlevying/ taxing those who have invested in solar energy</p>
<p>Northland needs this like a 'hole in the head'....we could generate all our needs from an upgraded Ngawha. Foist this dumb proposal on this already neglected region and ensure Nationals demise....in September. So just back off.</p>
<p>No way!</p>
<p>On the other hand such increases in transmission pricing provide a powerful incentive for alternative locally produced power such as solar. Already utility scale solar is achieving prices of < 3c/kWh and as Tony Seba points out, even if the hydo power were free, transmission is already at current levels uncompetitive with renewables.</p> <p>Naturally encouragement of locally produced power is at the expense of hydro power and the other distant power sources in the longer term. One is left wondering what the motive of the EA is...</p> <p>On the up side, encouragement of local renewable versus distant hydro power generation will facilitate and encourage installation of energy storage systems ... the first step in ultimately precipitating moves towards off grid systems.</p> <p>I am all for that...</p>
<p>Come on, play fair and think of consumers not the big profitable electricity companies and smelter</p>
<p>It should be foreign owned companies paying this.New Zealanders should NOT be paying so foreign companies can make a massive profit. The most vunerable people such as aged cannot sustain such a massive hike in power bills , particulary through cold winter months. Why should our elderly suffer a cold home so that companies can make a greater profit . Many elderly will become ill and need to be hopitalized, thus filling up hospitals which Tax payer forks out for</p>
<p>You will simply force folk like myself to move to alternative self generated power solutions.</p>
<p>Don't you dare</p>
<p>EA you are clearly feeling threatened by disruptive technologies ie solar and battery storage.</p>

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Your decision to grab more \$\$\$\$, why?? It will speed up our transition to solar and we will actively encourage others. More greed will only accelerate your down fall , remember myself and my parents/grandparent generation helped pay for NZ's power generation network. Time to embrace disruptive technologies not fight them you will not win.
All NZers should share the load equally. The price I pay per KW in Northland is already excessive.
You have been over charging us already for far too long ! Stop the corporate welfare for Tiwai!! I am not a fucking cash cow
This is MY home too. Foreign ownership has already seen our rents push us out of our homes, kids from their schools.. To move away further and further. Auckland is our HOME and this will make it even more difficult to survive here. This city should not be JUST for the rich and the foreigners. About time you got FREE SUSTAINABLE energy!!
One wonders how much of the EA pricing proposal will go straight to their 'High paid' middle and top executives salary increases, bonuses, funded OE trips, luxury cars and the like. The ordinary consumer (of which I am one), is never told this.
Enough is enough. This isn't justified.
Greed will only bite you back
As a single parent it is hard enough to make ends meet. Move you may say but this is where my sons support network is
Pay less in dividends to shareholders
being a pensioner say,s it all
Thanked you

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