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Submission to the Commerce Commission on the Regulation of Electricity Lines Businesses

1. Purpose

For the committee to consider a proposed submission to the Commerce Commission on the regulation of electricity lines businesses.

2. Background

At its meeting on 2 September, the Utility Services committee passed the following resolution:

That Council make a submission to the Commerce Commission on electricity network pricing.

As a result of this resolution, a draft submission has been prepared (**Attachment 1**).

3. Submission

Because of timing issues, Council officers have made the submission to the Commission to comply with the Commission's closing date on 8 September. However, the letter attached to the submission notes that it is a pro forma submission and is still subject to Council approval.

Should the Council approve the submission, then the Commerce Commission will be advised accordingly. In the event that the Council decided not to make a submission, then the pro forma submission would be withdrawn.

4. Communication

The Commerce Commission will be advised of the Council's decision.

5. Recommendation

That the committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *recommend to Council that it ratifies the submission (Attachment 1) sent to the Commerce Commission on the regulation of electricity lines businesses, targeted control regime, draft assessment and inquiry guidelines.*

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Attachment 1: Pro Forma Submission to the Commerce Commission