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To: The Economic Regulation Authority

RE:

- 1. REDUCTION OF A USERS CONTRACTED CAPACITY**
- 2. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER PROPOSED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT**
- 3. PAYMENT OF HEADWORKS CHARGES. (CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION)**

In respect of Western Powers submission regarding the above, our view is this;

1. Any legislation in relation to reducing power capacity is totally unacceptable. If Western Power wishes to reduce capacity at a connection point it should only be in consultation with the user, and assessed independently.
2. Capital contributions by users by way of an increased tariff is a good idea, however it should be state-wide across the board.
3. Headwork's charges are totally unacceptable. The main reason being the Developer has to supply the entire infrastructure for Power, Water, Roads etc and hand them over free of charge to the relevant authorities. This is an asset Western Power receives but doesn't have to pay for. It's enough.

In summary, due to the growth in our State, obvious pressures have been put on Western Power. We have a network in need of new power and a network in need of upgrades, new users should not be penalised. To apply a user pays principle is easy, increase power charges minimally over all users to fund both new users and to maintain the network for old users.

Yours faithfully

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RE: PROPOSED CHANGE IN LEGISLATION TO:

- Reduce a user's contracted capacity at a connection point.
- Capital contributions to be made by user.
- Western Power capital contributor (Headwork's charge)

Reduction of a users contracted capacity – I believe this to be a good idea when applied to vacant land or undeveloped blocks that have been subdivided and provided with a connection but are yet to be utilised. I see no reason why Western Power should contractually be required to allow for a 4kv supply to lots that are not in use.

Capital Contributions (Headwork's) – The idea of regional areas having to pay headwork's charges to Western Power in order to maintain growth is offensive. Western Powers primary role is to supply power and whether or not it is "economically viable" is irrelevant. Just because communities are regional doesn't mean they should be penalised. The majority of the problems in regional areas stem from Western Power's lack of future planning. Developers are not required to pay for major sewer and water service lines, the cost of these lines are reimbursed.

If an additional charge is to be considered (and I don't believe it should), it should be a set fee across the state and not limited to those users who are in regional areas, who have been hindered by Western Powers lack of service planning.

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