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Attention James Stevenson-Wallace

Dear James

Update on progress towards adoption of more cost reflective pricing – MainPower New Zealand Limited

This is MainPower's March 2020 update on its progress towards the adoption of more cost reflective pricing.

We have completed the work outlined in our letter of 29 March 2019. New pricing for all customers will take effect from 1 April 2020. We have rebalanced the proportion of fixed and variable charges to better reflect the costs of providing network services. More detail about the evaluation process is contained in Section 1 of the MainPower pricing methodology which can be found at https://mainpower.co.nz/about-us/disclosures/mainpower-disclosures/pricing.

The pricing changes made for the 2020/21 year are the first step in a 5 year transition period. More details about the transition and the roadmap can be found in section 3 of the pricing methodology. The roadmap is summarised in the diagram below:

P4 P5 **P3** Theme Outcome P2 Revenue Stability Alignment of revenue and cost structures AMP-pricing interdependency Reduce crosssubsidisation Simplify & consolidate Optimised tariff portfolio Evolve to reflect emerging technologies Evolve to reflect temporal & constraints

Pricing Strategy - RCP 3

MainPower has identified the customers that maybe particularly impacted by the change in pricing, primarily irrigation customers and customers with a second non-residential ICP consuming less than

6,000 kWhs per annum, and it has commenced a separate communications process with those groups. Planned visits to affected customers have been postponed due to Covid-19.

A further update will be provided in October 2020.

Yours sincerely

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