

Aurora Energy's submission

**Reconsideration of DPP4 default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity – Central Park 2 unforeseeable large project**

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## Introduction

1. Aurora Energy Limited (Aurora Energy) welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the Commerce Commission's (the Commission) Reconsideration of DPP4 default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity – Central Park 2 unforeseeable large project. No part of our submission is confidential.

## Aurora Energy supports the reconsideration of Wellington Electricity's price-quality path

2. Aurora Energy support the Commission's reconsideration of Wellington Electricity's price-quality path. We commend the Commission's efforts in 2025 to streamline the reopener process, and we believe that this reopener application sets a good precedent for future price-quality path reconsiderations.
3. We also commend Wellington Electricity for the clarity of their reopener application. We consider that the amount of detail provided by Wellington Electricity in their application is appropriate for the level of investment, and we think the application can serve as a good template for other distributors to follow.
4. We note that Wellington Electricity's application was published on 3 September 2025, with the Commission's draft decision published on 16 December 2025. Efficient turnaround of reopener applications is crucial to provide distributors confidence to invest, and our expectation is that as reopeners become more common, this turnaround time will become shorter.