

19 February 2026

The Commerce Commission

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New Zealand

Copy to: Greg Skelton, Chief Executive Officer, Wellington Electricity Lines Limited

Re: **New Connection request | additional electricity demand by Moa Point Sludge Minimisation Facility**

To whom it may concern,

We understand that Wellington Electricity is seeking permission from the Commerce Commission to collect additional revenue necessary to use as capex to create network infrastructure to connect the Sludge Minimisation Facility Project currently underway at Moa Point. In particular, the construction of a new distribution connection to the Wellington Electricity network that will provide 4.3 MVA of capacity to the site.

Wellington City Council (WCC) supports Wellington Electricity undertaking this work as part of our wider project described in this letter and we request that you provide Wellington Electricity with the necessary support, including a positive response to their Price Path reopener application.

Te Whare Wai Para Nuku Wellington Sludge Minimisation Facility (the SMF Project) is a project of significance for the Wellington region in terms of scale, complexity, and strategic importance. Once operational, as it will reduce the volume of sludge created as a result of water treatment by up to 80 percent. This is achieved by producing a stable, dry, odorless product that can be more easily transported, and has the potential to be used in a range of productive ways such as a soil conditioner and fertiliser. This will in turn reduce Wellington's emissions from sludge by 60%. Connection to Wellington Electricity's network is critical to the successful completion of construction, commissioning and operation of the SMF Project.

As such, I am writing to confirm that WCC supports, and is committed to, the construction of a new distribution connection to the Wellington Electricity network in relation to the SMF Project. The completion of this work is necessary for WCC to begin commissioning in early March 2026.

WCC and Wellington Electricity have already agreed that WCC will contribute to the capital costs of creating this additional network capacity and connecting the SMF, and will pay the relevant ongoing network costs through the lines charge tariff.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the SMF Project Director, Eamonn Kelly at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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