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Hawkes Bay Power Consumers Trust has considered the Electricity Authority's (EA's) consultations on:

- Network Connections Project – Stage One
- Distribution Connection Pricing Proposed Code Amendment.

Hawkes Bay Power Consumers Trust owns all the shares in Unison Networks Limited

Unison Networks Limited supply electricity to over one hundred and twenty thousand customers across Hawkes Bay, Taupo and Rotorua. Our networks are owned by the Hawkes Bay customers which ensures they can strike an appropriate balance between affordability of prices to current customers and investing in an increasingly critical piece of community infrastructure for future generations.

By virtue of their ownership model trust owned networks are naturally incentivised to act in the best interest of their customers. We are active in our communities – our profits are returned to our customers, we provide local sponsorships and community initiatives and we are significant employers in our region.

We do not support all points raised in the submissions by Energy Trusts of New Zealand (ETNZ), Electricity Networks Aotearoa (ENA) and the Electricity Engineers Association (EEA). We have agreed that rather than make our own submission detailing our position we will fully support the submission being made by Unison Networks Limited.

Yours faithfully,

Kirsten Westwood

Chair

Hawkes Bay Power Consumers Trust