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Powerco submission: Gas Industry Co FY21 work Programme and Levy

Powerco appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above consultation paper. With energy sector policy settings under review, the GIC can play an important role in their development. We support the direction of the work programme and approach to setting the levy.

Please contact me (Andrew.Kerr@Powerco.co.nz) if you have questions about this submission.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Kerr
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Attachment 1: Responses to submission questions

Question	Comment
<p>Q1: Do you have any comments on the process for developing Gas Industry Co's Work Programme and Levy?</p>	<p>Two suggestions:</p> <p>[1] Consider engagement with consumer stakeholder groups to inform the discussion of the proposed work programme at the November co-regulatory forum</p> <p>[2] Consider including in the consultation paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of stakeholder comments/questions from the November co-regulatory forum • The GIC's response
<p>Q2: Do you consider there to be any other items that should be included in Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2021? If so, please describe the work required and how that work achieves the outcomes sought under the Gas Act and GPS.</p>	<p>Rather the 'what' (questions 2 and 3) we have some comments about the 'how'.</p> <p>There are several projects which will benefit from input from gas industry participants eg Electricity Price Review response and short-term security of supply. More clarity about the GIC's intended approach for progressing projects (including formal/informal engagement with consumers and stakeholders) would be helpful.</p>
<p>Q3: Do you consider there to be any items that should be excluded from Gas Industry Co's intended Work Programme for FY2021? Please provide reasons for your response.</p>	<p>More generally, a high level calendar containing priority projects and indicative timing (eg the quarter) would assist stakeholders to plan if they want to contribute.</p>
<p>Q4: Gas Industry Co is particularly interested in industry comment on the forecast gas volumes - do stakeholders consider the projection reasonable? If not, what would they consider an appropriate gas volume estimate to be?</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>Q5: Do you have any comment on the proposed levy rates for FY2021?</p>	<p>We support the GIC's approach</p>