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Region

Manawatu-Whanganui

Category

Individuals, Researchers and Academics

Do you accept these terms & conditions?

Yes

A1. Establish a consumer advisory council

Yes, consumers always need a strong voice

A2. Ensure regulators listen to consumers

Another basic element to receiving a fair and honest service

B1. Establish a cross-sector energy hardship group

The low income, single parents and older consumers need more support.

B2. Define energy hardship

Those that cannot afford high monthly power bills are forced to reduce their power consumption, often in times when they need it the most; that is in the cold winter and dry hot summers.

B3. Establish a network of community-level support services to help consumers in energy hardship

Educate the wealthy of their waste. Help those that have less.

B4. Set up a fund to help households in energy hardship become more energy efficient

Provide solar or alternatives to those that can not afford them. Those are listed in B.1

B5. Offer extra financial support for households in energy hardship

Of course, why should a child born into a poor family go cold while another raised in a wealthy family wastes power and has no respect for what they consume.

B6. Set mandatory minimum standards to protect vulnerable and medically dependent consumers

Yes

B7. Prohibit prompt payment discounts but allow reasonable late payment fees

Ban both - why should those that can not afford it pay more? Its a strange arrangement.

B8. Seek bulk deals for social housing and/or Work and Income clients

Yes and elderly housing

C1. Make it easier for consumers to shop around

yes

C2. Include information on power bills to help consumers switch retailer or resolve billing disputes

yes

C3. Make it easier to access electricity usage data

not sure

C4. Make distributors offer retailers standard terms for network access

yes

C5. Prohibit win-backs

yes

C6. Help non-switching consumers find better deals

yes

C7. Introduce retail price caps

yes

D1. Toughen rules on disclosing wholesale market information

Yes

D2. Introduce mandatory market-making obligations

Yes

D3. Make generator-retailers release information about the profitability of their retailing activities

n/a

D4. Monitor contract prices and generation costs more closely

Yes

D5. Prohibit vertically integrated companies

E1. Issue a government policy statement on transmission pricing

The Lines Company charged in Taumarunui is NOT RIGHT or FAIR. We have some of the lowest income groups in NZ and we are charged a Lines Bill. Families are struggling, especially in Winter. But even in the extreme heat of this summer has been a burden on our sick, young children and the aged.

E2. Issue a government policy statement on distribution pricing

The Lines Company must be stopped

E3. Regulate distribution cost allocation principles

E4. Limit price shocks from distribution price increases

E5. Phase out low fixed charge tariff regulations

E6. Ensure access to smart meter data on reasonable terms

E7. Strengthen the Commerce Commission's powers to regulate distributors' performance

E8. Require smaller distributors to amalgamate

E9. Lower Transpower and distributors' asset values and rates of return

F1. Give the Electricity Authority clearer, more flexible powers to regulate network

access for distributed energy services

F2. Transfer the Electricity Authority's transmission and distribution-related regulatory functions to the Commerce Commission

F3. Give regulators environmental and fairness goals

F4. Allow Electricity Authority decisions to be appealed on their merits

F5. Update the Electricity Authority's compliance framework and strengthen its information-gathering powers

F6. Establish an electricity and gas regulator

G1. Set up a fund to encourage more innovation

YES, innovation is key to driving and supporting our future.

G2. Examine security and resilience of electricity supply

G3. Encourage more co-ordination among agencies

G4. Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings

Yes