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Electricity Group  
Energy and Communications Branch  
Ministry of Economic Development  
PO Box 1473  
Wellington

Dear Sir

**Submission: GPS Electricity Governance**

1. This submission is made by the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association on the revised Government Policy Statement on Electricity Governance. The Association represents companies involved in oil and gas exploration and production in New Zealand
2. The Association supports the changes made by the Government to the Policy Statement, in particular removing references to the previous government's NZ Energy Strategy, and under Renewable Energy – taking out the preference that all new electricity generation should be renewable.
3. We note that the Government is working on a scheme for pricing carbon emissions. Once that is done, the market should be left to determine the mix of (new) generation. However the worthwhile objectives stated in section 4 of the GPS do not need to be expressed as being particular to renewable generation and could usefully be restated as being objectives for all new generation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pfahlert', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Pfahlert  
Executive officer