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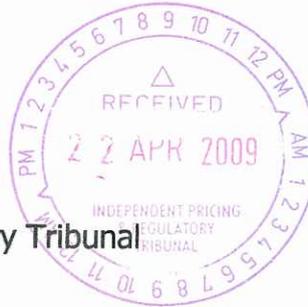
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Regional Services

16 April 2009

The Chairman
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box Q290
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Dear Sir

DRAFT DETERMINATION ON REGULATED RETAIL ELECTRICITY PRICES FROM 1 JULY 2009

At its Ordinary meeting of 30 March 2009 Council resolved to make a submission in relation to the abovementioned draft determination.

Council is concerned, particularly in the current economic climate, that a price rise as envisaged for residential customers is unreasonably onerous. Whilst Council believes that the proposed rise should be reviewed it further submits that if such a rise is contemplated in the final determination that consideration be given to staging so as not to impact to the same extent on customers in the short term. Furthermore, special consideration should be given to pensioners and the unemployed who will suffer greater hardship.

Whilst it is understood the date for submissions closed on 14 April 2009 Council requests that its submission also be considered in the final determination and trusts that you may be able to accommodate this request.

Yours faithfully

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