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**Powerco submission on *FY2022 work programme and levy***

Powerco appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Gas Industry Company's (GIC) FY2022 work programme and levy consultation paper.

We commend the GIC on its extended development process that has taken into consideration feedback received at the Co-Regulatory Forum. This process has resulted in a work programme that includes a comprehensive list of current and looming issues. A priority for the near-term will be engagement with the Government, Climate Change Commission, and stakeholders on how the gas sector can support the various pathways towards net-zero carbon in 2050.

A phrase that resonated with us in the paper was “ongoing change demands ongoing responsiveness”. This resonates because the rapidly changing context for the gas industry (driven largely by government policy on climate change) is requiring the industry and regulators to respond and adapt to meet huge transformational challenges. Given this context, it was pleasing to see the GIC's work programme has been designed to respond to current issues while also beginning work on developing issues.

Because the gas industry looks set for massive change and the pathway forward is filled with uncertainty, the flexibility of the GIC's work programme will be fundamental to delivering the right work at the right time. The lenses that should guide prioritisation of work are immediacy and impact.

The setting of the levy seems reasonable. And we commend the GIC for maintaining downward pressure on costs.

Please contact Nathan Hill ([Nathan.Hill@powerco.co.nz](mailto:Nathan.Hill@powerco.co.nz)) if you have any questions about this submission.

Yours sincerely

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