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Dear Bas

LEVY FOR GAS INDUSTRY CO FOR THE 2008/2009 FINANCIAL YEAR

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the discussion paper "Levy for Gas Industry Co for the 2008/2009 Financial Year".

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs supports measures that ensure and maintain delivered gas costs and prices are subject to sustained downward pressure. Levies as you are aware are ultimately passed on to consumers and the slight decrease in the predicted levy for the 2008/2009 financial year is pleasing.

However there is concern that the dedicated fees are not included in the final levy figure and if they are passed directly to consumers will increase the cost of gas. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs strongly recommends that this issue is discussed in the final paper.

Yours sincerely

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