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Dear Don

The Transmission Pipeline Interconnection Review

I would like to thank MDL for its participation in Gas Industry Co's review of transmission pipeline interconnection arrangements. The review process has resulted in a number of improvements to industry interconnection arrangements. These improvements have helped to more closely align arrangements with the *Guidelines on Interconnection to Transmission Pipelines* and the objectives of the Gas Act and The GPS. All review material can be now found on Gas Industry Co's website.

Attached to this paper, you will find the *2010 Review of MDL's Interconnection Arrangements* and a copy of our advice to the Minister.

Our advice to the Minister is that regulation is unnecessary at this stage. We do think, however, that the dispute resolution processes of both TSOs could be further improved but that this can be achieved without regulation. We propose reviewing how well the new arrangements perform by evaluating the next interconnections to the Vector and MDL pipelines.

We note that MDL's proposed interconnection arrangements that have been assessed in the review paper are still in draft form and are not yet publicly available. It would be helpful if MDL could advise Gas Industry Co once the arrangements have been finalised. We also request that MDL notify us of any changes that it has made to the proposed arrangements.

We would like to see the arrangements finalised in a timely manner. This will help to ensure the new arrangements are in place for any parties potentially seeking interconnections.

Yours sincerely

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2010 Review of MDL's Interconnection Arrangements, December 2010
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