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香港電力市場第二階段諮詢

經歷過六七十年代時經常冇水冇電的時期，當時年幼還不覺什麼。但在今時今日繁忙的香港社會，冇電的情景絕不容許。以下數點是本人就上述諮詢文件作出的提議，以供參考。

看畢整份文件，總覺得此諮詢文件在環保問題上未能平衡各方所需。政府一方面要求電力公司減少排放污染物，將環保標準及罰則提高，與利潤掛勾，另一方面又降低此類設備或裝置之回報率由大約13%減至7%。有著雙重標準。大大削殺電力公司在環保設備上資金的投放及此類公司的生存空間。是否政府己有準備或相當把握第三間或更多的電力發展商可以隨時投資或接辨現有的電力公司或市場呢？再者，罰則越重，後果有可能另電費更高、空氣污染更差。到最後受苦的可能只是我們一般的香港小市民。

電力有別於電訊，不能在空氣中傳送。要達至安全、穩定、可靠地輸送電力至港九、新界各地，全賴電力公司（或電力市場投資者）對市場的信心及正確地投放資金。要知道投放地區上的發電及輸電設備，牽涉龐大資金及時間，又不能一下子地移離或棄掉。此等資產的報酬年期被定性為二十至三十五年，已經相當嚴苛，而政府又要將協議營運年期由十五年減至十年（雖然有條件地可延至十五年），但已大大削殺該等企業在融資方面的能力及影響投資者信心，又怎能推動電力市場發展、從而改善現存的市場呢？總覺得政府在這方面對電力營運投資者有所不公。回顧電訊市場開放後，市民是否真正得益？除相互通訊比以前方便快捷外，但一般市民每月付出的相關費用比以往高達五倍有多。所以開放市場未必確保消費者有所得益，反會另政府難以監控市場運作及電價。

以往，電力市場監管協議（ＳＣＡ）建築於政府與電力市場投資者信心上的相互誠諾。政府要電力投資者有貞定及足夠的電力滿足地區所需，從而另外國投資者有信心在香港投資、建基及發展。因協議內的回報吸引，電力投資者亦有信心投放資源，有能力在市場上籌集資金，用於地區內建設有效、可靠、穩定的電力網絡，對每一用戶作出相應誠諾。因地區發展環境改變因素，此等協議已變成互相指責及攻擊對方不是的工具。在互惠互利的大前提下，首要清楚明白此協議有別於專營權。協議存在與否，其他電力投資者亦可加入競爭。協議存在，政府可有效地監管營運者資金的投放及電價計算。相反，當相方就ＳＣＡ未能作出共識，回復四十年前的供電營運模式，無論在電價、環保、電力設備、投資者信心、用戶及地區未來發展方向，都有著無可估計的傷害。其實兩電大可拒絕在零八年簽定ＳＣＡ。當現存的協議期滿後，依足環
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總括而言，本人建議：

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謝謝

D. CHAN
3 March 2006

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Dear Sir,

Views on the Government's Consultation Paper on the Future Development of the
Electricity Market in Hong Kong – Stage II Consultation

I am a resident on the Kowloon side and I have the following views on the Government's Consultation Paper on the Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong – Stage II Consultation:

1. I agree with the continuation of the Scheme of Control regime as CLP Power Hong Kong Limited has been long providing reliable electricity supply at a reasonable price with satisfactory customer services.

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3. I disagree with the proposal on the reduction of the permitted return as this will certainly discourage investments on continual improvements to the electricity system and subsequently jeopardize the reliability of electricity supply in which a dynamic and economic driven city like Hong Kong can not possibly afford.

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Yours faithfully,

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Sign: D Chu
Dear Sirs/ Madams,

I support the current operation by using the scheme of control. It can make Electricity Company to invest a reliable power supply system for their customers. Otherwise an unreliable supply will be resulted, like California crisis. It is totally unacceptable for Hong Kong as an international finance center. The coming scheme of control should not be offered less than 15 years because power plant equipment to be installed is a long time process and long term investment. The rate of return of all power plant equipment to be invested should be the same. It should be no discrimination among generation plant, transmission plant and distribution plant. They are all essential and necessary for the supply of electricity to customers. It is worth to keep on using the existing scheme of control. Then we will continue to enjoy a reliable electricity supply as it is.

D. Hung
Dear Sirs/ Madams,

One news from today's newspapers is to charge the customers to use counter (to use teller) for bank services. It is applicable for low value customers of the bank. High value customers will not be affected and even more free banking services is currently provided. It happens after no fixed mutual interest rate between banks. Banks has to squeeze the profit margin in all area under open competition environment. It may come true to open the electricity market. Supply companies will compete for high demand customers. Lower tariff will be provided. Low demand customers will not be expected to get any benefit. If they are distance from the electricity supply substations, they may gain penalty for their high transmission losses and large investment on long supply cables. Such penalty is to compensate the low profit margin getting from the high demand customers.

I do not appreciate to open the electricity market as a low electricity consumption citizen. I support to keep on using the existing scheme of control and continue to enjoy the electricity supply without discrimination between profitable customers and non-profitable customers.

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What use is a strong economy if we are all suffering from the effects of bad air?

Speak to the tourists and ask them how they feel when they can't see across the harbour and their eyes are streaming and throats burning due to bad air quality.

Wake up before it's too late.

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In principle, we support government recommendations.

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March 30, 2006

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Hong Kong

Subject:
Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong
– Stage II Consultation

I have read the government’s consultation paper and some comments from the discussion forum in the website of your bureau.

I also have read the views of CLP Group through its website. Now I think I have formed my own views on the subject. Below is my thinking:

1. Develop a clear energy policy that must be long term. Energy policy objective is good as indicated in the consultation paper but it’s unclear of how to get there.
2. Must not rely on only one single fuel for production of electricity.
3. Give more incentive to encourage more environmental improvement works.
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6. The duration of the new contract must not be short. 15-year is about right.
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8. Say ‘no’ to the Chinese company which wants to come to Hong Kong for only self interests.
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Please carefully consider my views.

Yours sincerely,

Dai Chee-yat (Mr.)
Economic Development and Labour Bureau,  
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Main and East Wing,  
Lower Albert Road,  
Central,  
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Dear Sirs,

**Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong**  
**Stage II Consultation**

I am an accountant and have some comments on your Stage II Consultation paper as summarized below:-

It seems to me that the return on asset given in the Stage II Consultation paper is not attractive to the power companies enabling them to invest further in comparison with the return on asset of the bus companies in view of the great difference in "liquidity" of their assets and the long investment return period, and hence, the uncertainty. Therefore, the existing SCA should be maintained with no or very litter changes in order to enable power companies to have the necessary incentive to keep on their investment to provide reliable electricity supply to Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully

Daisy
Dear Sirs/Madam,

I have read the Stage II Consultation Paper and would like to submit my comments. Please see the attached file. Thanks.

Daisy Chan
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As an electricity user, I of course would like to pay a lower tariff. But the more important factor is the reliability of electricity supply. I work in a Securities Agent and am also a mother of 2 small children. To me, electricity reliability is very important both for my work and family. As a big financial city in the world, power reliability is essential for the HK Stock market. One can easily imagine the impact and financial loss to HK if power failure occurs to the Stock Exchange System.

Like many families in HK, electricity is an essential element in our everyday life. It would be very inconvenient for myself to take my kids to walk up a building of 20 storeys in case the lifts are not working due to power failure. Many learning activities of my kids will be affected too if blackout occurs. In fact, my electricity expense is low when compared with expenses like monthly house mortgage, meals, education expenses and clothings, etc.

The customers of the 2 electricity power companies in HK have seldom suffered from black-out. I consider the current level of tariff is in line with the quality of the service. To set a too low rate of return for the power companies will discourage them to continue their investment in power industry and this will affect the supply reliability and ultimately our quality of life. I urge the government to maintain the current level of rate of return to the power companies and do not propose too many changes such as the 4-tier rate of return structure.

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With reference to the Stage II Consultation Paper, I have reservation to the proposed regulatory framework.

Please take lessons from the experience of the energy crisis in Californian in 2001 as well as a series of power cut and failure in Europe and America in 2003 given rise from the aggressive and overweening approach of the US and those European countries to their electricity market. Huge economic losses were suffered.

In Hong Kong, electricity is not only essential to daily life but is also critical to our economy and contributes to our competitiveness. Legislators may not be care for the long term security of the electricity supply as it would not be their responsibility by then when problems come up.

The proposed 7% to 11% rate of return appears to be not attractive to the the investors who will prefer to shift the capital to other more profitable business and keep conservative investment plan to the new generation and transmission plants as well as minimal maintenance and upgrade. As such, the long term security and supply reliability must be jeopardised and no one would like to see what happened in California in 2001 to happen in Hong Kong. On the other hand, the 10 years regulatory period is certainly too short for this kind of long term fixed investment of substantial amount.

As summary, I reckon that the existing rule of game should be continued as far as it is functioning well. Please do not undermine Hong Kong's competitive edge due to compromise with the short-sighted political noise.

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Re: Stage II Consultation on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong

I would like to share some views for your consideration.

1) Rate of Return reduced from the present 13.5% to a range of 7 – 11%

My main concern is reliability. I am enjoying high reliability supply at the present reasonable tariff when comparing with current living standard. I think the proposed permitted return at a range of 7-11% is not enough to attract investors who may be unwilling to invest when the return cannot compensate the corresponding risks. Indeed, 7% permitted return is too low compared with other similar investment in Hong Kong. Especially, the power industry is requiring enormous and long-term investment. To conclude, lower permitted rate may lead to insufficient investment and the reliable power supply will be affected.

2) 10-year regulatory period with an option to extend for another 5 years

Since the power industry is requiring to incur billion dollars on the investment, I think a regulatory period of 15 years is appropriate. The power companies expected their payback period with much longer period than 10years. With such short period of time, the power companies may be reluctant to continue their investment in power systems and the reliability of power supply would be affected. Therefore, I think the regulatory period should be kept at 15 years which can balance the interests of various stakeholder (investors, consumers etc…).

3) Increased interconnection between HEC and CLP

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I demand that the SAR Government bring back clean air to Hong Kong. I and my family need a breath of clean air.

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Please have the two electricity companies to speed up for the filter process of producing the coal-fire electricity
17 March 2006

Mr. Stephen Ip
Economic Development and Labour Bureau
2/F., Central Government Offices
Main & East Wings
Lower Albert Road, Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Stephen Ip,

**Stage 2 Electricity Market Consultation**

After reading your consultation paper, I find it has largely maintained the current regulatory regime and is recommendable. I think this arrangement can safeguard Hong Kong to continue enjoying the good electricity service which is critical to Hong Kong’s competitiveness.

However, I would like to draw your attention to the following issues which may need further improvement:

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Please consider my opinions.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

Your second consultation paper has embarked on the right track for the future electricity market. I firmly believe that the present regulatory framework is a very suitable and cost-effective mechanism to enable the power companies to provide uninterrupted and clean electricity at reasonable tariff.

However, I have reservation on your other proposals. Planning grid access for power from Mainland should be taken with the greatest caution, as it would jeopardize the local supply reliability and would encourage running of the severely polluting small thermal power plants to make up the capacity. With the fast growing economy in Mainland and particularly around PRD, power shortage across the border will persist for a considerable period of time. Indeed, it has recently been reported that the Guangdong Economic and Trade Commission expected a power deficit of 4,000 to 5,000 MW for the first half of 2006 and the Commission set up a number of mitigation measures including power rationing.

Shortening the regulatory period from 15 to 10 years will deter investment. One should realize that electricity infrastructure is a long life capital-intensive investment and continuous funds are needed to maintain its reliability by renovating/renewing the plants. How can any investor balance his account if such investment may be stranded after 10 years?

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I earnestly urge you to adopt a more pragmatic approach to avoid any negative impact. As a responsible government, you should recognize the present superb electricity service and determine a more appropriate ROR acceptable to all stakeholders not just the outspoken groups.

Thank you for your attention.

Daniel Lee
Dear Sir,

I refer to the subject consultation paper and would like to express my views as follows:

Electricity supply involves huge and long-term investment. Sufficient rate of return should be given to the electricity supply companies. Given the present prime rate of 8%, it seems a bit harsh to the electricity suppliers to reduce the present ROR of 13.5% to a range of 7 - 11%.

The Government granted the Commercial Radio 12 years when renewal of its broadcasting licence. Granting the electricity suppliers 10-year regulatory period seems rather short since the investments to electricity supply is much than radio broadcasting.

Regards
Daniel Leung
CONSULTATION PAPER ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT  
THE ELECTRICITY MARKET IN HONG KONG  
STAGE II CONSULTATION

Dear Sirs,

I live on Hong Kong Island. Despite the slightly higher tariff on the island, I favour the status quo of the present Scheme Of Control which has brought more than 40 years of reliable electricity to us at reasonable price.

30% to 50% reduction in return will not provide sufficient incentive for the utilities to invest in electricity supply. 10 years Scheme duration is also too short compared to the 30 years life of electricity supply equipment. The risk will be high compared with the proposed return rate and electricity supply investments will naturally be reduced. Our electricity supply reliability will be at risk, not in short term but in medium to long term. I believe that maintaining the current return rate and contract duration is more appropriate and less risky.

I would share with you a true story that tells us not to give up our own reliable supply. My friend manages a toy factory in Dongguan. The factory used to have 2 generators to supply electricity for normal production use and the city electricity only served the lighting and other non-essential uses in the dormitory. A few years ago, the local electricity official came and told him that he just needed to pay a one-off capacity addition fee; he would have enough “cheaper” city electricity for his factory. He could sell his generators to pay part of the capacity addition fee. He agreed and fortunately he sold only one of his generators.

He imported base load electricity from the city and used the remaining generator to maintain the production during the occasional power outages. It went well for a couple of years. Then three years ago, the electricity officials told him that due to power shortage, he had to turn off the grid electricity supply to his factory two days a week. His only generator could not meet the full production need. So he had to scramble for his second generator back. Otherwise the lost production would cost him millions of dollars. He had to pay 2 million dollars to buy back a similar generator that he had sold for 0.3 million dollars. He vowed never to sell the generators again. This is a true story of relying on Chinese grid supply.

If Hong Kong does not have enough of her own generation capacities, Hong Kong people will suffer. Don’t count on the electricity import from Mainland China, not in 20 years!

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**Stage II Consultation of Future Development**
**On the Electricity Market in Hong Kong**

With reference to the Stage II Consultation Paper, I would like to express my views on the Government’s proposals.

Government has proposed a new rate of return of 7.11%. There is no basis for the Government to lower the permitted rate of returns below the existing level of 13.5%. Government must provide justifications that the new permitted rate of return is fair and sufficient to attract huge and long-term capital investments required by the power companies to maintain the existing high level of reliability of electricity supply. The present 13.5% rate of return for the power companies has been proved that there are adequate incentives to encourage appropriate investment of electricity infrastructure to ensure high reliable electricity supply and good services to the consumers. Therefore, I support to maintain the present 13.5% permitted rate of return in the post-2008 period.

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致經濟發展與勞工局：

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懇請特區政府能為香港帶來一片藍天，給市民一口清新空氣。

祝好

Danny Siu
Dear officer in concern,

I read the Stage II Consultation paper and have something to say.

Comparing with many other countries, the electricity supply in Hong Kong is really good. I heard from the news in the past years that major power breakdown occurred all over the world, even in the developed countries like USA, UK, Canada, etc! I leave in Kowloon and as I remember, the longest no-electricity period I experienced in my life is 30 minutes. I am so far very satisfying with the services provided by China Light and Power, so do I believe for the people in Hong Kong Island.

I don’t know much about the background and the terms of the so-called scheme of control system, but I think that it worked well in the previous days, didn’t it?

Well, nobody will refuse to pay for a! lower tariff of electricity. However, I don’t want to see the outcome that a lower tariff will bring poorer services and, most important, unreliable supply. I am not the fans of the two power companies, but it is rational a privately-owned company to reduce the investment (in technical equipment development) if the terms of payback is getting unfavorable. In fact, I think the present tariff paid each month is acceptable and affordable!

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Thank you for taking note of my comments!

Danny TK Ho
Stage II Consultation Paper On Future Development  
Of The Electricity Market In Hong Kong

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to submit my opinions on future developments of the electricity market in Hong Kong.

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The Government's current proposals are outdated and could do far more to address these issues. I demand a future electricity market in Hong Kong that facilitates clean energy, and encourages energy conservation and efficiency, so that I am provided with electricity at minimal impact to my health, society and the environment.

I strongly recommend the Government to:

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Now that I'm starting a family, my first child to be born in a few months time, I am greatly concerned by the continued deteriation of our air quality. It affects our quality of life. Like many of my friends with young families, the talk is what can we do to reverse this polution trend - if it continues many of will be forced to move overseas.

I often wonder, how many of out top civil servants have educated their children through the HK school system till they are 18. My guess is not many. It cannot be due to lack of education quality - there are plenty of great local schools sending top students to the worlds best universities. But I'm sure HK's worseniong air quality is a factor.

From those of us who pay your salaries, please take the iniative to negotiate with your Guandong conterparts to CLEAN OUR AIR.

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I note that Civic Exchange, WWF and the Rocky Mountain Institute have developed a document giving a detailed response to the consultation paper; that document has recently been submitted to Government for consideration. Among other things, the Civic Exchange et al. document encourages adoption of a model whereby the power companies can make money through saving energy: increasing energy efficiency is, in fact, the easiest and most effective way of reducing emissions and would also make a real contribution to Hong Kong's sustainable development. I would like to record that I fully support the proposals made in the Civic Exchange et al. document, and I hope that they will be adopted by Government.

David Dudgeon
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I agree with the pleas of others that the government enhance control in the electricity market, so as to reduce the pollution caused by electricity power generation. These control measures should enhance and reward good social and environmental practices by the Electrical Generation Companies. The following recommendations seem sensible and appropriate measures to improve matters whilst rewarding best practice:

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In addition to the above I suggest the following: -

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See this standard IEEE 929-2000, Recommended Practice for Utility Interface of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems - this sets out the specification for equipment to interconnect with electricity grids.

Hong Kong is uniquely placed to encourage this with the many very large buildings we have. There is even an HKHA estate in Tsueng Kwan O with the built ready for extensive electricity panels on the roof tops.

Government developments should require such Solar Electricity cogeneration, Land Lease Agreements should encourage such cogeneration with reduced premiums or increased Plot Ratio or other credit.
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I humbly request that the SAR government make strenuous efforts to bring us back blue sky days. It would be a breath of fresh air.

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I of course recognize that Hong Kong cannot control the pollution coming from North of the border but we must acknowledge that the problem exists and it must be dealt with head on for the sake of all of Hong Kong residents as well as those Chinese living in southern China. We have the capacity to prevent this insessant pollution from occuring now, we don't have to repeat the mistakes of the past.

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Sign: __David Largent______
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subject: 香港電力市場的未來發展第二階段諮詢

Enquiry: 雙電聯網是時間問題。
但現時最重要是大力控制兩電資產膨脹及回報率，否則電費就有加無減！
可憐的只有是小市民。只有肥了兩電股東！
27/3/06

The Secretary for Economic Development & Labour

HK Central Govt Offices, Mum & Zone Wing

Lau Fau Albert Road, Central

Dear Sir,

Future Development of the Electricity Market
in Hong Kong - Stage 2 Public Consultations

In respect of the captioned topic, I would like to submit my views for your consideration:

a. No matter whether the consultative outcome would be, it is of paramount importance that the stability of electricity supply be maintained, bearing in mind that Hong Kong is one of the international monetary centres. It cannot afford any interruption in electricity supply even in adverse weather conditions.

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Hong Kong needs an integrated energy policy that comprehensively addresses energy supply and usage. Electricity generation has produced significant air pollution and contributes significant amount of greenhouse gas emission, causing global warming and resulted in climate change, the single biggest threat to our planet.

The Government’s current proposals are outdated and could do far more to address these issues. I demand a future electricity market in Hong Kong that facilitates clean energy, and encourages energy conservation and efficiency, so that I am provided with electricity at minimal impact to my health, society and the environment.

I strongly recommend the Government to:
1. Set up a comprehensive and integrated energy policy for Hong Kong that properly addresses energy security, energy efficiency, protection of the environment and public health. The environmental costs of air pollution should be incorporated into policy making and the threat of climate change should be reflected into our electricity market.
2. Set up a regulatory mechanism to electricity companies to offer energy efficiency services so that I can improve the efficiency of my electricity usage. The government's current proposal is fundamentally flawed as the utilities continue to make the majority of their profits from selling as much electricity as possible, providing a major disincentive for them to seriously promote energy efficiency. The government must seriously examine the economic models that can overcome this barrier, rather than making small changes to the currently flawed system.
3. Ensure fair access to the power grid to promote for the energy supply by small energy producers, including renewable energy and other clean energy suppliers.

I urge the Government to take a far more active role in devising an integrated energy policy for Hong Kong.

David Newbery
致經濟發展及勞工局，

身為香港的一份子，我非常關注發電廠對空氣與環境所造成的污染。我強烈要求未來電力市場的監管機制，加強管制發電過程帶來的各種污染，不要成為電力企業逃避承擔社會與環境責任的幌子。我要求：

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懇請特區政府能為香港帶來一片藍天，給市民一口清新空氣。

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27 March 2006

Economic Development and Labour Bureau  
2/F., Central Government Offices, Main & East Wings  
Lower Albert Road, Central  
Hong Kong  

Dear Mr. Ip,

Views on Stage II Consultation Paper on Future Development  
of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong  

With reference to the Stage II Consultation Paper, I wish to express my  
views on some of the Government’s proposals of the future development of the  
electricity market in Hong Kong.  

I totally support your policy objective to ensure the public can enjoy reliable  
electricity supply after 2008, which is of paramount importance to Hong Kong  
society.  

Government should be very careful with their proposal to lower the  
permitted rate of return from 13.5% to 7-11%. If there are inadequate incentives  
to encourage investors to invest in the electricity infrastructure, I am afraid that  
our highly reliable electricity supply would be deteriorated.  

The government has proposed to shorten the regulatory period from 15  
years to 10 years. But the government does not consider the long-term nature of the  
power industry, where asset lives are usually more than 30 years. If  
regulatory period is shortened to 10 years, there will be increased investment risk.  
The power companies may face a fixed 10-year regulatory period with no chance for  
extension and will be discouraged to invest in the electricity infrastructure. I  
support that the 15-year regulatory period as adopted in the existing Scheme of  
Control Agreements should be maintained.  

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Main & East Wings
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HONG KONG

Dear Sirs,

Re: Stage II Consultation on
Future Development of the Electricity Market in HKSAR

We are a small-medium enterprise (SME) in Hong Kong and our core business is in project consultant and project management. We would like to express our view on the Stage II Consultation on the future development of electricity market in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

We fully understand the current controversy about the electricity supply market. We agree that there should be regulatory agreements between the Government and the power companies. However, as electricity supply business involves huge investment in infrastructure and a long investment cycle, it is important that a reasonable profit margin could be maintained in long term for the investor(s) or potential investors. The electricity supply that we are currently enjoying is very reliable and we hope that the power companies would continue to invest in the power infrastructure for long term sustainable development of HKSAR.

As reliable electricity supply is an essential service to maintain the competitiveness of HKSAR, we hope the Government should get the concurrence among different stakeholders before implementing any change of the existing system.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
DAVID S.K. AU & ASSOCIATES LTD.

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As a Hong Kong citizen for over 20 years, I have noted with concern the deterioration of the air quality in HK. In bringing up a family in this polluted environment I am very worried for their long-term health. The action of the HK SARG is very slow and passive and the danger not only to its citizens but to future as an Asian world city is also at stake. I would like to see the following action taken as a start:

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Sign: David Tsui
Dear Sir,

The proposed post-2008 regulatory regime for local electricity utilities becomes a hot topic covered by various mass media.

As a Hong Kong citizen, I would like to share my viewpoint.

Learnings from the major blackout in North America, consumers start to realise that the low tariff is not the only one element to consider, but also the reliability of supply places an upmost important factor in considering what sort of market environment should the electricity utilities be adopted.

Hong Kong positions herself as the international financial and services centres. The positioning could not succeed without a reliable supply of electricity at an affordable tariff. Currently, under the SoC, both power companies CLP Power and Hong Kong Electric operate with a track-record of world-wide best reliable supply performance. This could only be achieved with well proven regulatory system and effectively implemented and monitored. The current mechanism serves well to ensure investors have a reasonable return while consumers enjoy reliable supply at a affordable tariff. This is a Win-Win deal.

In summary, I oppose any change in current SoC arrangement and advise the Administratives do not change for sake of change and do not lose the big picture of future Hong Kong’s prosperity in meeting the short term political agenda from the pressure groups and politicians.

Best regards

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Comments on Stage II Consultation on
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We would appreciate that you could consider our views.

Yours truly,

Kwik San Aik
General Manager
March 29, 2006

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Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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After reading the Stage II Consultation Paper, as one of the electricity customer in HK Island, I would like to submit my comments as follows.

In a commercial society, it is fair for a company to earn profit on its investment. Of course, as an electricity user, I always want to pay lower electricity tariff. However, the more important factor I consider is the reliability of electricity supply in every life. It would be extremely inconvenient if power failure occur in a busy city like Hong Kong. I have a small kid and live in a high storey apartment like most people do in HK. Electricity is an essential element in everyday life for families like us. Can one imagine how clumsy it would be if in one day you have to take a small kid to walk up a building of 30 storeys in case the lifts are not working due to black-out. In fact, electricity bill constitutes a small portion of the operating expenses of my family when compared with monthly house mortgage and other expenditures like meals, education expenses and clothings, etc..

The current system for electricity companies in Hong Kong has been operating satisfactorily and customers of the 2 electricity power companies in HK have seldom, if never, encountered black-out. Setting a too low rate of return for the power companies will certainly lower the impulse of the power companies to continue their investment in power infrastructure and this will affect the supply reliability in the long run.

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Consultation Paper on Regulation of the Electricity Market after 2008

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Weather conditions and population density mean the community in Hong Kong is especially heavily dependent on electricity for air-conditioning, transport and access to high rise buildings. A very reliable supply of electricity at a reasonable cost is therefore important in maintaining our quality of life. It is vital that the Government ensures any changes made to the current regulatory regime will not jeopardize the performance and the high degree of confidence we now have in the electricity supply in Hong Kong.

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1. Set the rate of return for electricity utilities at a level which ensures current service standards are maintained;
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Thank you for your attention

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Views on Government’s Consultation Paper on
The Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong.

With reference to the Consultation Paper of 30th December, 2005, I would like to express my views:-

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Electricity Market Development in Hong Kong
Stage II Consultation

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27 March 2006

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Lower Albert Road, Central
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Dear Mr. Ip,

**Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong**

- Stage II Consultation

With reference to the Stage II Consultation Paper, I wish to express my opinions on the Government's proposals in the Stage II Consultation Paper.

Government has proposed a shorter 10-year regulatory period in the Stage II Consultation Paper. But the proposed regulatory period fails to reflect the long-term nature of the power industry. With the shorter 10-year regulatory period, there is high probability for the long-life assets to become stranded after the 10-year regulatory period and investment risk for the power companies will be increased.

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I wish my opinions can be considered and reflected in the Stage II Consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Chien
March 29, 2006

Dennis Fung

Economic Development and Labour Bureau
2/F., Central Government Offices
Main & East Wings
Lower Albert Road, Central
Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Stage II Consultation on
Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong

We are an SME in Hong Kong and power reliability is very important to us and for the economic development of Hong Kong. I wish to offer my views on the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong as follows:

1. Supply reliability
   Experience tells that Hong Kong people have had very reliable power supply for a long time. I could not remember what the world was, or could be, like without electricity. Operating a professional photo studio, electricity is the life and blood of our operation here and I just cannot image going to the office when the computer does not work, or there is no lighting, nor air-conditioning... I don’t think the Government should do anything to jeopardise power reliability in HK.

2. Environment
   As I live and work in Hong Kong, I agree with actions that will improve on air quality. However, I think it would be naïve for Government to think of solving the problem by asking power companies to share the brunt of the burden in getting a lower rate of return for emissions reduction facilities. This will not solve the problem. If the Government is really serious about improving air quality, it should encourage power companies to do more by giving them the incentives to invest in emission reduction measures.
3. Rate of return
   We should not be penalising companies for making a profit, especially as they
   have been delivering very efficient, reliable and value for money services to
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   We hope you would consider our views.

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Dear Sir,

Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong

For the present consultation on the Future Development of Electricity Market in Hong Kong, I would like to express my views for your reference.

I appreciate that the Government has successfully monitored the two power companies so that a world-class standard of electricity supply reliability could be achieved in Hong Kong. I am in line with the Government that the reliability and safety of electricity supply should be the primary objective in the future development of the electricity market. In the new regulatory regime, it is proposed the permitted rate of return is reduced from 13.5% to a range of 7-11%. For maintaining a reliable electricity supply, I think these rates of return would be too low. Therefore, I would like to advice the Government to consider the permitted rate of return with great caution.

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11 March 2006
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Stage II Consultation Paper On Future Development
Of The Electricity Market In Hong Kong

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However, I would like to make comments on your proposal on Rate of Return (ROR) for your consideration:

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(c) Feedbacks received in Stage I Consultation were overwhelmingly in support of a reliable and safe electricity supply. If there are no adequate incentives given to investors, how can we maintain a world-class electric network in Hong Kong? By reducing the ROR, how can your policy objectives be achieved to maintain high reliability and safety of electricity supply in Hong Kong? We do not want power shortage or a total system blackout in Hong Kong.

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Sign: Dennis Vleugels
Dear Sir

I would like to submit my comments as attached.

Rgds

SOC Consultation.doc
20 March, 2006

Economic Development & Labour Bureau,
2/F Central Government Offices,
Main & East Wings, Lower Albert Road, Central
Hong Kong
(email: electricitycommentstage2@edlb.gov.hk)

Dear Sir,

Being an investment management professional by training, I would like to submit my opinions on the future electricity market development from that aspect.

The investigation on the North America blackout found that lack of investment incentive was a major cause leading to the equipment aging. Therefore, I object your proposed Scheme of Control Agreement (SCA), due to inherent disincentives to investors, as detailed below:

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT THE ELECTRICITY MARKET IN HONG KONG
STAGE II CONSULTATION

I refer to the Consultation Paper and would like to express my views on the proposed 10 years regulatory period with an option to extend for another 5 years.

The current regulatory period is 15 years. It is proposed in the Consultation Paper that the future agreement be on a 10-year term with an option to extend by another five years. The future regulatory period is shorter than the current regulatory period by 5 years.

The reduced regulatory period may cause difficulties to the two power companies to plan their future investment:

1) Power industry is a long term nature of investment cycle. In view of the short regulatory period, it may lose the bargain power to their business partners, e.g. coal supplier.
2) The long-life assets may probably become void after the regulatory period.
3) With such a short regulatory period, the investment risk will increase.

I opine that the regulatory period be remained as 15 years as the current regulatory period does not have any problems.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Chow Kin Wai
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Sign: ___Derek Corrigan_______
Dear Sirs,

To enjoy reliable and steady power supply w/o unacceptable/unrecoverable impact to the environment at minimal price is the hope of everyone. However, it's surely difficult to make a balance.

The proposed reduction in guarantee profit and monopoly period will deter investment of the 2 power companies and thus introduce uncertainty to the power reliability in the long run, while the electricity fee may not be dropped as expected by the general public but weaken HK's competing power. For the extraordinarily high and long time investment for power business, it's not attrative if profit below ~10%. Thus change in the current controlling system needs to be smooth and with mutual benefit of the public and the power companies.

On the other hand, power production & reliability in Mailland is not good enough for import to HK yet. Also, the so called renewable energy is only a promotion of green image but not mass production (unless higher technology appears to greatly reduce its price).

In terms of costs of living, it causes more to me from transportation fee, which maintained at v. high level, since economic depression.

Regards,
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Yours sincerely,
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祝好

Derek Hau
Comment on Stage II Consultation Paper:

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The Government did act well to improve the roadside air pollution index (RSAPI) by introduce unlead petrol, ultra low surphur diesel (ULSD) and LPG taxi with some kind of sponsor/incentive policies.

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28 March 2006

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Lower Albert Road, Central
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Consultation Process on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong

In response to the current Consultation Process on proposed reforms in the electricity market in Hong Kong, Deutsche Bank would like to register with the Government some of our thoughts on certain issues being discussed, particularly from our perspective as a participant in the Hong Kong financial markets and what we feel are the potential implications that the Consultation Process may have on the Hong Kong utilities sector.

Of the various issues currently being addressed in the Consultation Process, the issue of economic regulation is potentially the most sensitive – specifically, what constitutes “fair and reasonable returns” to the power companies and their shareholders, and which also results in “affordable electricity tariffs for consumers.”

We would like to highlight some thoughts and observations on this and other issues, and provide our perspective for the Government’s consideration:

General thoughts

System reliability and stability – The provision of a reliable and stable source of electricity is essential for any major modern city and is key to sustainable economic growth and development. Any decline in the reliability of Hong Kong electricity market would result in significant economic losses – both from a direct loss of revenue resulting from an event such as a blackout, and from indirect losses at large as a result of reduced public and investor confidence in Hong Kong. We note that Government and a majority of the respondents in Stage I of the Public Consultation have agreed that reliability of the electricity supply to be “of paramount importance and should continue to be the primary objective for the future development of the electricity market.”

Investor confidence – As with any utility type investment, the existence of a strong and stable regulatory framework is essential to attracting and maintaining investor interest and confidence. Any significant adverse and unprecedented changes to a regulatory framework would no doubt
reduce investor confidence in the long-term, and potentially result in reduced infrastructure investments. This is of particular concern in Hong Kong as the Hong Kong electricity reserve margin is expected to fall below the safe margin of 25% by 2010. Investments in the electricity sector are long-term by nature and regulatory certainty is a key cornerstone of such an investment decision.

**Track record** – Both CLP Holdings and Hongkong Electric have demonstrated a strong commitment to Hong Kong and its customers. For example, despite the current SCA, Hongkong Electric has not fully capitalised on its permitted rates of return in recent years, in large part due to its recognition of the general economic climate over this period.

**Deutsche Bank’s views**

**Permitted rate of return** – Based on the current proposal, the Government wishes to reduce the allowable rate of return on investments from 13.5% – 15.0% to 7.0 – 11.0%. Given the various arguments and data points that have already presented in the public regarding what is a “fair” return, this letter does not focus on allowed returns – however, we wish to share with the Government the following views:

1. Although a majority of the public respondents in Stage I of the Consultation Process had stated that the headline rate of return figures are too high, a majority of those same respondents also noted that they thought that current tariff levels were reasonable.

2. Hongkong Electric and CLP Holdings are both privately-owned enterprises which have wide shareholder bases that include a significant number of Hong Kong retail investors. These investors would be disproportionately disadvantaged by any significant reductions in the permitted rate of returns, particularly when compared to the relative gains by consumers.

3. Appropriate financial incentives should be presented to the utility companies to improve operating efficiencies, which will benefit both shareholders and ultimately Hong Kong consumers.

4. The derivation of the currently proposed new range of permitted rate of returns has not been publicly released and is substantially lower than the previous figures. The derivation and rationale behind this range should be provided in order to stimulate further discussions.

**Duration of the agreement** – As with most infrastructure and utility businesses, the electricity business is highly capital intensive and requires long pay-back periods. Investors in utilities businesses typically take a long-term view on the cashflows of these businesses, with the regulatory regime forming the key basis for any analysis. The reduction in the duration of the agreement will introduce uncertainty and reduce an investor’s ability to forecast cash flows and value these utility businesses. A transparent regulatory regime with an appropriate duration to reflect the nature of the assets is essential to investment decisions of both the financial investor and to the power companies. The currently proposed annual tariff review mechanism will provide the Government with sufficient flexibility to adjust actual tariff levels should there be a need to. Our view is that reducing the duration of the agreement does not appear to be necessary to achieve the Government’s objectives.
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Varying returns for different types of assets – Given the Government’s stated objectives of protecting the environment and improving the quality of air in Hong Kong, we believe that the proposal for emission reduction facilities to be subjected to the lowest permitted rate of return should be revisited. Our view is that the rate of return for such assets should be subject to higher rates of return to encourage the power companies to invest in such facilities, in order to further reduce emissions to a level beyond the Government’s target. The socio-economic and environmental benefits of reducing emissions to the lowest possible level no doubt outweigh what may possibly be a relatively insignificant financial burden to consumers. This is also particularly important as the highest permitted rate of return is provided for renewable energy sources, despite the fact that Hong Kong is not naturally suited to derive a significant portion of its electricity demand from renewable energy sources.

Implementation, maintenance and monitoring costs – As with any new regulatory frameworks, there will be additional implementation, maintenance and monitoring costs, particularly as the complexity of such frameworks increases. The Government should be mindful of these costs, and weigh each of the proposed changes and their related costs against potential benefits.

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We hope that you will find our comments above helpful and we would be pleased to further discuss our thoughts with you.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch

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致經濟發展與勞工局：

身為香港的一份子，我非常關注發電廠對空氣與環境所造成的污染。我強烈要求未來的電力市場，能夠加強管制發電過程帶來的各種污染，不要成為電力企業逃避承擔社會與環境責任的幌子。我建議：

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As a Hong Kong citizen, I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE 1956. I am very concerned about the air pollution in general and know that much is caused by our own power stations. I expect the Government to take charge and improve the control in air pollution.

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2. The cost of all the emission reduction facilities, including Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) facilities should not be shouldered by the consumers;

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I expect the SAR government to prioritise bringing Hong Kong blue sky again and give us cleaner air. We can't control outside pollution from the Mainland factories/cars but at least control on home ground. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Hong Kong needs an integrated energy policy that comprehensively addresses energy supply and usage. Electricity generation has produced significant air pollution and contributes significant amount of greenhouse gas emission, causing global warming and resulted in climate change, the single biggest threat to our planet.

The Government's current proposals are outdated and could do far more to address these issues. I demand a future electricity market in Hong Kong that facilitates clean energy, and encourages energy conservation and efficiency, so that I am provided with electricity at minimal impact to my health, society and the environment.

I strongly recommend the Government to:

1. Set up a comprehensive and integrated energy policy for Hong Kong that properly addresses energy security, energy efficiency, protection of the environment and public health. The environmental costs of air pollution should be incorporated into policy making and the threat of climate change should be reflected into our electricity market.

2. Set up a regulatory mechanism to electricity companies to offer energy efficiency services so that I can improve the efficiency of my electricity usage. The government's current proposal is fundamentally flawed as the utilities continue to make the majority of their profits from selling as much electricity as possible, providing a major disincentive for them to seriously promote energy efficiency. The government must seriously examine the economic models that can overcome this barrier, rather than making small changes to the currently flawed system.

3. Ensure fair access to the power grid to promote for the energy supply by small energy producers, including renewable energy and other clean energy suppliers.

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BY FAX 2868 4679 and BY HAND

30 March 2006

Dear Sir,

Comments on Stage II Consultation on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong

We are an international law firm with a substantial commercial practice in Hong Kong. From our Hong Kong offices, we serve a wide range of corporate and individual clients within the Asia Pacific. As power supply reliability is very important to our operations, we would like to provide our views on a few issues related to the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong.

We have divided our comments into two sections. The first deals with the broader issues we perceive for the business community in Hong Kong and the second addresses the operational impact of the proposed changes on our business in Hong Kong (from a perspective that similar changes elsewhere in the world have impacted our business).

1. Broader Issues

As a consumer, we are inevitably pleased that the aims of the government to ensure that consumers receive reliable, safe and efficient electricity supply at reasonable prices whilst minimising the environmental impact caused by the generation and use of electricity are clearly stated. We consider that the Scheme of Control Agreements have achieved the majority of these aims and have been a key building block of Hong Kong's success and stability.

Our primary concern (from our experiences) is that an unintended consequence of the implementation of the Stage II Consultation may be to trade that stability for volatility in both supply and pricing. It appears to us that some of the issues which have affected markets in Europe, United States and elsewhere are present in the current proposals - notably a mismatch between rates of return for certain assets and consumer tariffs and the ability to make long term investment decisions for the utility which must be paramount to security of supply- bluntly that security is worth more to our business and the community as a whole than any changes which might have a short to medium (not long) term effect of reducing prices.

This is not to say that Hong Kong would face the kind of power interruptions, stranded investments, spikes in prices, disincentives to long term investment and ultimate state rescue of the industry that have been encountered elsewhere but similar problems could be created under the current proposals in the Hong Kong and wider
Guangdong economies. That concern is, of itself, sufficient reason to carefully reconsider and test the current proposals.

We support the aims of harnessing market forces to deliver enhanced value to customers (being a customer ourselves). However, we fear that the proposals in the Stage II Consultation could be implemented too rapidly with the result that the merits of the current system (security of supply, price stability and incentives for long term investment in infrastructure) may actually be seriously undermined. We would like you to recognise that the current system is actually effective. It broadly delivers the benefits and goals you seek and far from changing it, the better (and much cheaper) option is to work with the utilities to deliver the goals and objectives within the current system - this must be possible.

There are also environmental issues which we must, as a community, address. However we question whether the Stage II Consultation will, on environmental issues in particular, incentivise the kind of investment required to improve, for example, air quality in the region. In particular the proposals with regard to Renewable Energy appear to escalate and prioritise its connection/access to the grids of the two power companies over other new sources of energy but such connectivity brings with it all the issues associated with security of supply that would apply to other less polluting sources. Whilst we appreciate that the environment is a key issue the fundamental challenges in respect of grid security apply irrespective of the source of power.

We set out below some of the subordinate issues which we would like to see reconsidered in the current Stage II Consultation proposals:

**Permitted Rates of Return**

We consider that the reduction and scaling of the permitted rates of return under the existing Scheme of Control Agreements would act as a disincentive to maintain adequate levels of infrastructure development and improvement. This consequence is especially important in relation to the changes in the methods of electricity generation required to satisfy the growing environmental lobby within Hong Kong.

We are also concerned that analysing rates of return against different types of asset - which is a significant change from the Average Net Fixed Asset (ANFA) approach currently contained within the Scheme of Control Agreements - will be overly complex and removes the ability of the provider to finance their business holistically. That aspect of the proposal alone will create a significant administrative, logistic and financial burden on providers which we do not think will be outweighed by any perceived benefits. Eventually, that burden (even in an unbundled approach) will find its way to us as a consumer as it has elsewhere. Rather we would prefer the existing mechanisms are used to protect our interests as consumers.

Notwithstanding our general concerns on the overall approach to rates of return, we also disagree with the proposed hierarchy of rates of return indicated by the Stage II Consultation given the broader aims stated within it. For example, if new suppliers (be they renewable, conventional or nuclear) from the Mainland are to be encouraged to supply Hong Kong there will likely be significant costs associated with ensuring that transmission and distribution assets are capable of dealing with enhanced connectivity. If a disaggregated approach to permitted rates of return is adopted then
at the very least this should reflect the costs of implementation and prioritisation of the wider aims of the Stage II Consultation. That said, we note the Stage II Consultation recognises that its approach "...is not without problems..." and trust that further consideration will be given to these fundamental issues and, in particular, the interrelationship between permitted rates of return, the overall regulatory aims of Government and how these are ultimately reflected in tariffs paid by consumers.

Capacity Management

We suspect that the proposals on capacity management may operate as a disincentive to prudent development of the supply side unduly penalising generators for installing excess capacity whilst still requiring them to ensure security of supply. We are also concerned that the two existing providers may be required to enter into arrangements with regard to connectivity and capacity management which do not adequately recognise the different bases (investment profiles, debt/equity funding of assets) of their respective and quite separate businesses. We note that the Stage II Consultation recognises that this aspiration will require further detailed work and analysis. It cannot be in our interests as consumers to see a system imposed which we believe will fundamentally affect security of supply - in all likelihood businesses will recognise these risks and have to invest themselves in back-up plant which will significantly increase costs to businesses and potentially lead to investors looking at alternative locations.

2. Operational Impact

We work in a highly competitive environment where clients expect and are delivered the highest quality legal services. Put simply, we cannot offer the quality of service that we do without a reliable and uninterrupted supply of electricity.

We value the stability that the Scheme of Control Agreements have provided to the business community in Hong Kong over the last forty years or so. Indeed, we view them as part of the bedrock of Hong Kong's economic success. In particular, the duopoly suppliers have created world class emergency response methodologies which underpin the security of supply we currently enjoy - they can do so because they remain vertically integrated and can subsidise their emergency response systems through the prices charged to us and other consumers. Importantly, we are not overcharged for our electricity and there already exists good legislative and regulatory controls to ensure we are not in the future.

If the Stage II Consultation proposals were implemented we would have to consider very carefully the risks of suffering interruption in supply and put in place additional disaster recovery and business continuity measures to enable us to continue trading through any period of interruption. This may involve resourcing work from other offices, installation of back-up generators and enhanced IT back-up systems to ensure that data can be protected. All of this risk mitigation activity would come at a cost. Under the current proposals the choice we would face is one of either:

- ignoring the risks of interruption to supply and/or volatility in pricing; or
- mitigating these risks as best we can and accepting the additional costs of so doing.
As a prudent and responsible business we would develop a robust risk mitigation strategy. However whether we could, or indeed would want to (in such a competitive market), pass the cost of this additional overhead onto our clients is debateable. The benefit of business continuity/disaster recovery strategies is only really felt when a major risk actually materialises. Having taken the prudent course of action (based on similar developments elsewhere) and mitigated these risks, we may find ourselves in a less competitive position than our peers who ignore the risks but who would find themselves unable to deliver in the event of a crisis. The unintended consequence (even if we ourselves successfully mitigate the perceived risks) may be that we remain unable to transact business due to the lack of foresight of those less prudent than ourselves. These kinds of issues are not unique to a law firm - all sophisticated providers of services whether public or private sector (from hospitals to air traffic controllers) in the Hong Kong area will face the same dilemma.

As well as being an operational risk for our business, we would also find ourselves having to advise clients conducting business in the region on appropriate risk mitigation strategies in their own commercial arrangements, as counterparties will seek to allocate the risk of interruption and hedge against price volatility within their legal agreements. Although we could clearly charge for these additional legal services we view them as a further unintended consequence of the Stage II Consultation which may undermine the overall attractiveness of the region for business. Businesses who already face intense global competition may find themselves devoting valuable time and resources which could have been deployed elsewhere to addressing these risks. If an orderly market in power supply is a "given" then this is much less of an issue for business.

We hope that EDLB will carefully consider the points we raise above and keep any changes to the present regulatory regime and electricity industry to a minimum. If we can be of any further assistance we would be delighted to contribute further to your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

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Dibb Lupton Alsop
香港電力市場未來的發展第二階段諮詢

本人同意政府提出的政策目標是要確保公眾能夠以合理的價格，享用可靠、安全及有效率的能源供應，並致力將生產和使用能源對環境所造成的影響減至最低。本人有以下意見:

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最後，希望香港電力市場有健康的發展。謝謝！
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Stage II Consultation Paper

I feel uncomfortable after reading the consultation paper that introducing new market players is over-emphasized.

Firstly, can Hong Kong’s electricity market be able to open for competition? I don’t think so. All generating facilities are privately owned. Will power companies be willing to give up their property right for the implementation of grid access, which is a prerequisite for meaningful competition? Through legislation to mandate the access is just an indication of government intrusion in free market. Can Hong Kong government bear the consequence of that intrusion?

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I fully support the policy objective adopted by the government but I hope our government can be a realistic one instead of providing too many false hopes to the public in formulating the future electricity market.

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**Stage II Consultation on Future Development of the Electricity Market**

In response to the "Consultation Paper on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong - Stage II Consultation", I have the following points to make:

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   This proposal is unreasonable as it ignores the long term nature of the investment cycle and contractual commitments exclusively to power industry and high probability for the long-life assets to become stranded after the regulatory period. Such changes would discourage investment which may eventually jeopardise supply security and reliability. The existing 15-year regulatory period should be retained.

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   I support this proposal as it is simple and easy to implement, requires low governance costs and has proven effective from past record.

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   There is no justification nor basis for 7-11%. For the particular nature of power industry, it appears the proposed ROR is on low side. The proposed ROR is unreasonable and may lead to insufficient investment which will undermine the supply reliability. The Government should treat this issue carefully and determine a reasonable ROR by making reference to other similar investments.

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Electricity Market in HK - Step II Consultation

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Don Chan
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Sign: Dona cHan
realname: Donald

subject: 香港電力市場的未來發展第二階段諮詢

Enquiry: 懇請政府盡快開放電力市場！引入競爭者，看誰做得好！小市民有多個選擇！

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Stage II Consultation on Electricity Market Future Development

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If the present system works well, why do we need to use more public money to migrate to an unknown or even worse system?

Yours sincerely,

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香港電力市發展第二階諮詢

本人對政府提出的文件大至上認同對長遠目標定立了好的方向，但其中一些建議更需要詳加考慮，而本人的觀點如下：

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建議繼續沿用現有行之有效的規管制度，並加進一些新的規管安排，以確保公眾能夠以合理價格，得到可靠、安全及環保的電力供應。建議包括：為新電力供應源作開放電網、加強兩電聯網，以及與廣東省聯網的準備。

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dorothy cheng
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Dear Sir,

Consultation Paper on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong
(Stage II Consultation)

Regarding the Consultation Paper on Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong (Stage II Consultation), I would like to express my views as follows:

As we all know, in order to provide a safe and efficient infrastructure to supply electricity to their customers, the power companies in Hong Kong have invested heavily in their power supply facilities. Most of the power companies’ assets in fact have very long asset life, about thirty years or more. If the Government reduces the power companies’ permitted return to 7-11% and shortens the period of the Agreements with the power companies to 10 years, it means that after 2008, the power companies may not be able to earn their permitted returns for the investments they have made. This will greatly reduce the power companies’ incentives to continue to invest in the power supply infrastructures. The reliability of power supply in Hong Kong will inevitably be affected which nobody would like to see.

I think the Government should give enough incentive for the power companies to continue to invest in their infrastructures so that the highly reliable power supply in Hong Kong can be sustained.

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Dorothy Fung
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I look forward to hearing from you.

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Future Development of the Electricity Market Development in Hong Kong
Stage II Consultation

In response to the Stage II Consultation Paper, I wish to express my views on the Government’s proposals in the Stage II Consultation Paper.

Government has proposed a new rate of return of 7-11%. There is no basis for the Government to lower the permitted rate of returns below the existing level of 13.5%. Government should provide justifications that the new permitted rate of return is fair and sufficient to attract huge and long-term capital investments required by the power companies to maintain the existing high level of reliability of electricity supply. The present 13.5% rate of return for the power companies has been proved that there are adequate incentives to encourage appropriate investment of electricity infrastructure to ensure high reliable electricity supply and good services to the consumers. Therefore, I support to maintain the present 13.5% permitted rate of return in the post-2008 period.

The proposal of Government approval for all tariff adjustments is unreasonable. Power companies should be allowed a reasonable chance to recover their business costs and fair profits on invested capital through their tariffs. If all tariff adjustments are subject to Government’s approval, the costs and permitted returns for power companies will be no longer sufficiently protected. It may be subject to undue political pressure, which shall increase risks borne by investors.

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I don't agree to short the contract period from 15 years to 10 years and the permitted return reduce from 13.5% to 7-11%. It is because the assets was "too low" and the contract period of 10 years "too short" for the capital-intensive industry with a long payback duration. It is also to discourage investment in emission reduction facilities by fixing the lowest return rate and penalising power firms to failing to meet emission targets. In addition, emission targets were unrealistically stringent and unilaterally set by the government.

The above proposed changes do not reflect rising political and economic risks, which discourage investment and risk hurting reliability of supply. Besides, many people were also complained that the government was complicating the regulatory regime by fixing different return rates on different types of assets.

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Fax to: Economic Services & Labour Bureau (28684679)

Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong
– Stage 2 Consultation

I am a factory owner and I run 2 factories – one in Hong Kong and another in Dongguan of China. My factory in Dongguan employs about 1,000 workers and there are about 100 workers in my Hong Kong factory.

I was laughing when I heard about a Chinese company expressing interests to supply electricity to Hong Kong. But I felt sad afterwards, worrying about the HK’s future if it comes true.

My factory in Dongguan is still suffering from shortage of supply, which is very irritating as there is supply interruption from the county bureau for 2 days out of every week. Of course the bureau would normally give advance notice, but sometimes would not.

I have complained to the county supply bureau but the answer back is that the supply shortage will persist in the next few years.

This compares contrarily to the situation of my factory in Chaiwan. Here in Hong Kong I am now taking reliable supply for granted. Yet I am paying less here than what I pay in Dongguan!

Please don’t let cowboy company to come to mess up the Hong Kong supply market. How can we have the confidence that it can make commitment to serve Hong Kong people?

I have seen tariff comparison in China Light’s advertisement and I tend to believe that we are having good value for money electricity services in Hong Kong.

I can show you how much more I am paying when I produce electricity through my 2 diesel
generators (470kW and 550kW) at times when I can no longer afford to rely on supply from the county supply bureau. I pay around RMB1.5 for one unit produced. However I am very uncomfortable to do it because I hate to see a lot of pollution emissions coming from the chimneys of the generators. I can not buy high quality diesel fuel in Dongguan!

Please do not rock the boat by merely introducing changes to the current control agreement for the sake of satisfying politicians. I would rather prefer to pay a little more (not too much) but not to suffer from poor supply quality and highly pollution.

We need to be conservative rather than to have to say sorry afterwards. Therefore I urge you to seriously think about the following opinions:

a. Retain the current scheme of control agreement
b. Extend it to another 15 years (I don’t think China is ready before that timeframe)
c. Retain all the existing terms, only make improvements to minor items that help more efficiency and transparency (but watch out political meddling)
d. Should not cut the rate of return too drastically (as a businessman and having the experience of running diesel generators, I can understand the huge amount of investments required for this kind of infrastructure); make sure encourage continuous investments
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h. Do not blindly push for the very expensive but unreliable renewable energy in Hong Kong (I have tried a few small wind generators and solar panels in Dongguan but none of them proved cost-effective – payback longer than 50 years!)

Trust the above points help your consultation.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Raymond K. Chan
Hong Kong

30.3.06
致經濟發展與勞工局：

身為香港的一份子，我非常關注發電廠對空氣與環境所造成的污染。我強烈要求未來的電力市場，能夠加強管制發電過程帶來的各種污染，不要成為電力企業逃避承擔社會與環境責任的幌子。我建議：

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Sign: Doug Bippert__________
GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG: I would like to comment on the GOHK's recent Consultation Paper on the Scheme of Control governing the power companies in Hong Kong. I feel several aspects of the GOHK's position need to be seriously reconsidered, including the following:

* Maximum Rate of Return is too low to encourage investment -- which will jeopardize reliability.
* 10 Year Term is too short
* Reliability will be affected if the GOHK proceeds on the path that is set
* Providing Lowest return for Air Pollution Emission Control is Absolutely Ludicrous -- I had to read that several times and was convinced it had to be a typographical error.

RATE OF RETURN -- The proposed rate of return is not commercially reasonable, and penalizes the companies unnecessarily. To go from 13.5 % (or 15%) to 7% in one action will not encourage other businesses to want to come to Hong Kong for fear that the government will "regulate" them in similar fashion. Hong Kong is proud of being "the freest economy in the world." Such regulation as proposed in the new Scheme directly and seriously contravenes that position. If there is sense that the rate of return is too high it should be lowered gradually so that the companies have a time to make rational decisions....

TERM IS TOO SHORT -- I agree with the comments of Nicholas Bradbury, a former project finance banker and author of Infrastructure in China, in the 1 March, 2006 The Standard in which Bradbury stated that the proposed shortening of the regime to 10 years plus a five-year extension at the option of the government is not a minor adjustment from the current 15-year term, but a glaring mismatch with the lifespan of power assets. Bradbury noted that infrastructure projects typically require longer concession periods, citing the Daya Bay nuclear plant (20 years), Hopewell's Shajiao C power station (20 years) and MTR Corp's metro systems in Beijing and Shenzhen (30 years) as examples. He explained at length what he considered to be the right way to assess the return on power assets, and concluded that a 10-year concession yields less than half the investment return of a 15-year concession, and that investors would even be discouraged to invest in any new assets since they would achieve a higher return over 10 years at less risk by simply buying US treasury bonds. Finally, he said a 10-year concession would also pose severe problems in relation to fuel supply, especially LNG, which is in tight supply worldwide and contracts are typically 25-year take-or-pay arrangements. Donald Tsang in his policy address stressed the importance of LNG and cleaner fuels to Hong Kong's future. We won't get that if the companies cannot afford to take the risk to commit to the investment necessary to bring it here.

RELIABILITY -- If the companies cannot earn a reasonable return, they may not invest in upgrades, expansion, etc. and reliability of power supply may suffer. I live on the 21st floor of a building in Repulse Bay and work on the 22nd floor of a building in Wanchai. I don't like walking DOWN all the
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ENVIRONMENT -- It makes NO SENSE to offer the lowest rate of return to environmental projects. Hong Kong air quality is HORRIBLE and people (like leading athletes Mark Williams as reported in last week's SCMP and several families I know personally) are moving out of the SAR due in large measure to poor air quality. The power companies in Hong Kong (as reflected in CLP’s ads) have done a LOT in recent years to clean up their facilities. The bad air is coming from the Mainland, and GOHK's path is going to matter matters MUCH WORSE....

Don't short sighted on our future. Work/negotiate in good faith on a regime that is fair and safe for all of us....

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5. Hong Kong is a financial center and a densely populated city; the high importance of electricity supply reliability cannot be over emphasis. A lower-than-fair rate of return for the power companies will certainly demotivating the electricity companies to continue their investment in power infrastructure, which means degradation of the power supply reliability. As deterioration of power supply reliability could jeopardize the economy of Hong Kong and hence our business environments, we opine that the rate of return and length of SCA period should remain unchanged.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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身为香港的一份子，我非常关注发电厂对空气与环境所造成的污染。我强烈要求未来电力市场的监管机制，加强管制发电过程带来的各种污染，不要成为电力企业逃避承担社会与环境责任的幌子。我要求：

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I was born in Hong Kong and have migrated to Melbourne, Australia since 1994.

While I was in Hong Kong, electricity supply has never been a problem. We enjoyed the secure supply of electricity at an affordable rate and have taken this as a norm in life. Things changed after my migration to Australia, especially upon the introduction of privatization and competition in the past years. In the area while we live, which is within a relatively prestige district, we have been worrying about disruption of electricity supply in stormy nights and hot days. Outage is not unusual, and occurs about twice a month in average and could last for a few hours. Thereafter, we need to reset every electrical appliance and computer. Not only will the life of these appliances be shortened, you can also imagine the inconvenience it caused! Moreover, electricity prices have been constantly on the upward trend, and this was still so after the introduction of privatization and competition. How I treasure the old days when we could enjoy the secure and reliable electricity supply when we were in Hong Kong at an affordable rate!

From my friends who work in the electricity company in Victoria, Australia, I understand that they plan the electricity output well in excess of the installed capacity, mainly due to the lack of incentive to invest on modern equipment. Profit always comes first, instead of supply security. As a result, the customers suffer. As the equipments get old, I really cannot rule out the occurrence of a massive blackout her in Victoria, like those in California and New Zealand.

Hong Kong is our home and our next generation could well come back to work and contribute to the success of Hong Kong. We don’t want to see insecure supply of electricity in Hong Kong.

All in all, electricity tariff in Hong Kong has been modest even amongst modern cities. There needs to be a mechanism for control on the tariff, of course, but a realistic and reasonable balance has to be strived amongst service level, reliability of supply, pollution level and price. Given the excellent record in the past which contributed to the success of Hong Kong, Government should try to maintain the status quo as much as possible, while encouraging on a greener fuel than coal. Customers should be willing to pay a little more to enjoy fresh air, although it is yet to be established whether the main source of air pollution should be coming from Hong Kong or China!
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If it is a good system, please do not change just for the sake of change!

Be liberal, and listen to views of all interested parties. I’m sure there must be a good compromise at the end of the day.

Regards,

Elsie Chan

Dr Elsie S K Chan
Stage II Consultation

The Importance of System-wide Protection in Power Systems

My comment to the open market is that the state of art of system wide protection is not yet mature and there is a danger of black out or major brown out.

Majority of the blackouts in the world was related or linked with power system protection.

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With the development of large interconnected systems, a new protection technology called system-wide adaptive protection is required. For the past few years, there were some development in Adaptive Protection but the research outcome is still not yet confidently applied to meet the dynamic changing nature of the power system networks. It is particularly true when the network is shared by a number of utilities.

Without this system-wide protection, there is a possibility that large blackout cannot be eliminated. With system-wide protection, the decoupling points can be selected and changed to suit different generation, load flow and different network configuration. A simple example is for decoupling scheme as applied to the interconnector where power flow can be two ways between two systems.

My conclusion is that for large interconnected system, the required protection technology is still in the research stage and blackout cannot be ruled out without the system-wide protection. We must be careful in an open market power system.

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Sign: Gail Cochrane
To: Economic Development and Labour Bureau

I'm an expat, a professional, a mother who has made Hong Kong her home. I've lived in HK for over 13 years. I teach at one of the universities here in HK and believe that the Government and the people of Hong Kong definitely have a treasure and something to be proud about with respect to the culture, the traditions, the scenery, architecture, attractions and more. However, I fear for the future and have considered leaving what is my home due to the harmful and intrusive effect of pollution here in HK. My children are very young and I would like them to grow up in a place where they can see the sky and the stars at night, rather than just hear or read about 'what it used to/should be like'.

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Secretary for Economic Development and Labour Bureau  
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2/F., Central Government Offices, Main & East Wings, Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Ip,

**Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong**  
**Stage II Consultation**

We are a well-established doctor panel group in Hong Kong. Since reliable electricity supply is vital to us for providing medical services to our customers, we would like to express our views on the Stage II Consultation proposals.

In the Stage II Consultation paper, the government proposes to tighten the regulatory requirements by reducing the permitted rate of return from 13.5% to 7-11% and shortening the regulatory period from 15 years to 10 years. We are afraid that these proposals will increase the investment risks of the two power companies and disincentivize their long-term investments. Without sufficient investment in electricity infrastructure, we are worrying that the existing electricity supply reliability will deteriorate and power interruptions or electricity blackouts will thus occur in the future.
We hope the government will reconsider their proposals and provide sufficient incentives to the power companies to ensure that adequate long-term investment will be made in electricity infrastructure such that our daily operation will not be affected by power shortages.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DR. FOK KIN CHUNG, JONES
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I have held back in this public dialogue for a while but perhaps it is time I put in my 2 cents.

As a consumer here I have always enjoyed the benefits of a stable and reliable electricity supply. I never have to be concerned about blackout, say, when lightning strikes or during a storm; nor do I have to doubt whether my lights will continue to stay on. Without knowing it, I have taken electricity supply for granted.

Also, I never have to look too hard into my electricity bills here. My family and I have lived in many parts of the world and just about everywhere we lived, electricity costs were higher.

Now tell me what's the problem?

Oh - the agreement our government has with the power companies are expiring and need to be renewed. So time for change...at least that is the perceived logic.

Now, time for me to preach. I have a motto. That is "if it's not broken, don't fix it." That has served me well. I learnt one of my first lessons in my first year of secondary school here. I was in a woodworking class and had to make a wooden box with square corners. I made one that fit its purpose, but decided that round corners would be better for the "feel" and proceeded to file down the corners. The result was disastrous. I became known as "Mr. round corners". Since then, I have learnt to appreciate my motto.

I have also heard war cries to the tune of competition. As I look around, competition seems good for my wallet. The telecom industry seems a good example. Long gone are the days when I had to pay $$$ for my long distance phone bill. However, as a scientist and armchair economist, I am also aware that it may not be competition that is all responsible for driving down costs. Technological advancement usually provides the foundation for cost reduction. Competition, at times, could even have the opposite effects. Case in point. I have been following the trials of Enron lately, and am reminded of the tactics that unscrupulous energy traders used in the California power market - a competitive power market to be precise. A competitive market, if not properly developed, could severely back fire. In California, the results were blackouts and sky-high power prices.

So, what do I think? 1) If the government and the public want to see blood, they can try lowering the return of the power companies somewhat but I would warn against any drastic reduction in case it might cause an equivalent reduction in electricity supply quality. Frankly, reducing 13.5-15% to 7-11% seems too drastic already. This may discourage the power companies so much that they would stop investing here. 2) Economic incentives should be given to initiatives that benefit the environment, such as LNG, emissions control, and renewables. And since these are major investments, sufficient time should be allowed for payback (just like I don't want a mortgage that is shorter than 15 years because of high mortgage payment). 3) Any market opening should be thoroughly understood and planned for.

What is the problem again?

Dr. Lee
Dear Sirs,

I attach herewith my input on the Stage 2 Consultation on the future development of the Hong Kong Electricity Market.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

Dr. Leung Wai On
Submission in respect of the

Stage II Consultation

on

Future Development of the Electricity Market

in Hong Kong

31 March 2006

By

Dr. Leung Wai On
I am pleased to submit the following input to the Stage II Consultation process, as an electricity consumer on the Hong Kong Island. I believe that the current regulatory regime on the Hong Kong electricity market needs a complete overhaul in the following directions:

A) **Policy Objective**

(i) Opening up of the electricity market for competition will be in the best interest of consumers, as competition will drive down electricity tariff rates.

(ii) The right of a consumer should be respected. Consistent with the free market economy that Hong Kong always practises, residents in Hong Kong and Kowloon alike should be free to choose their electricity supplier or suppliers. Let consumers have the choice.

(iii) The opening up of the electricity market for competition will benefit consumers. The current monopoly should be broken up to allow competition between the two incumbent power companies, while new market entrants are welcome to compete.

Protection of the incumbent operators from competition bleeds inefficiency and tolerates fat cats. Thanks to the opening up of the telephone market, we only need to pay a fraction of the cost for a minute of international telephone call comparing with what we had to pay some 6 years ago.

B) **New Supply Source**

(i) The geographic boundary between Kowloon/NT, and the Hong Kong Island should be abolished. Incumbent operators and prospective market entrants should be encouraged to compete in the electricity market.

(ii) The current territory monopoly forbids competition and is the root cause of inefficiency. Consumers currently have to bear the cost of mismanagement that

- China Light has excessive capacity while Hong Kong Electric is adding more.

- Likewise, the electricity charge on the Hong Kong Island is 30% higher than that in the Kowloon areas. Why should Hong Kong Island residents be punished with a higher electricity rate?

(iii) As a first step, the Government should mandate an interconnection between the two incumbent operators. Consumers should be allowed to choose a preferred source of electricity supply from the two incumbent operators and prospective new market entrants.
(iv) Supply of electricity from alternative sources such as China should be encouraged. In this connection, the Government should provide a level playing field to incumbent and new players alike.

(v) An interconnection with Guangdong will be a positive step towards alternative sources of supply. An enlarged grid enhances the transmission system stability.

C) Regulatory Arrangements

(i) To encourage competition, the electricity tariff is proposed to be broken into 3 key cost components, namely,

- Generation;
- Transmission; and
- Distribution.

Consumers will be free to choose their preferred generation source or a distribution network, for cost or availability reasons.

This practice will stipulate interconnection and electricity import to Hong Kong. Import of electricity from multiple sources provides diversity and helps to drive down the costs to consumers. This concept is not new to Hong Kong, as China Light owns the transmission and distribution network while separate Esso/China Light JVs own and operate the power generation plants.

In a transparent process, consumers should be informed of the costs from individual power plants and be allowed to choose the supply source.

There may be practical difficulties in the opening up of the current transmission and distribution network, without the unnecessary nuisance of road digging. Some of these difficulties could be overcome.

I believe many industries or businesses would welcome supply from more than one single source to assure availability, even if that would mean additional investment to connect to two or more power supply and distribution sources.

(ii) The “Scheme of Control” would only be required when competitions are lacking.

(iii) The Rate of Return to be permitted under the Scheme of Control (“SOC”) should be determined by:

- The rate of return on risk free investment such as long-term US$ bonds; plus
• An extra percentage to compensate for the business risk on electricity industry investment in Hong Kong. Such percentage would normally be one or two percent, given the guaranteed rate of return under the SOC, the peg of HK$ to US$, and the relatively low country risk.

![Average Rate (unweighted) on US$ Long-term Outstanding Bonds](http://www.forecasts.org/data/data/LTGOVTBD.htm)

Source: [http://www.forecasts.org/data/data/LTGOVTBD.htm](http://www.forecasts.org/data/data/LTGOVTBD.htm) on 30 March 2006

At the current outlook, I believe that the aggregate rate of return under the SOC should be around 7%.

(iv) Power plant fuel efficiency is included in the determination of Fuel Clause Account. The power companies should bear the fuel cost when a target fuel efficiency level is not achieved.

(v) To protect the consumer interest, regular reviews should be made to ensure that:

- Power plants and transmission facilities are built ahead of the demand;
- Efficiency in the use plant and equipment. Idle plants and equipment should have been disposed of and taken out of the asset list; and
- Road digging and re-digging within a short period of time are eliminated,

In short, the regulatory body must ensure that the investment and assets are used efficiently.

(vi) Establishment of a Regulatory Body

A regulatory body should be established to regulate the electricity supply market and to protect the consumer interest. The body should comprise of members from the industry, consumers, academics and professionals. The body should be empowered to introduce competition to the industry, ensure
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Yours sincerely,
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Dear Sir,

Attached please find my personal views on the captioned subject.

Regards
Dr Shihe Chen

Comments on Second Consultation Paper.doc
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Hong Kong needs an integrated energy policy that comprehensively addresses energy supply and usage. Electricity generation has produced significant air pollution and contributes significant amount of greenhouse gas emission, causing global warming and resulted in climate change, the single biggest threat to our planet.

The Government’s current proposals are outdated and could do far more to address these issues. I demand a future electricity market in Hong Kong that facilitates clean energy, and encourages energy conservation and efficiency, so that I am provided with electricity at minimal impact to my health, society and the environment.

I strongly recommend the Government to:
1. Set up a comprehensive and integrated energy policy for Hong Kong that properly addresses energy security, energy efficiency, protection of the environment and public health. The environmental costs of air pollution should be incorporated into policy making and the threat of climate change should be reflected into our electricity market.
2. Set up a regulatory mechanism to electricity companies to offer energy efficiency services so that I can improve the efficiency of my electricity usage. The government's current proposal is fundamentally flawed as the utilities continue to make the majority of their profits from selling as much electricity as possible, providing a major disincentive for them to seriously promote energy efficiency. The government must seriously examine the economic models that can overcome this barrier, rather than making small changes to the currently flawed system.
3. Ensure fair access to the power grid to promote for the energy supply by small energy producers, including renewable energy and other clean energy suppliers.

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