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Dear Jenny

I am writing in relation to the Issues Paper – Survey of Market Performance released by the Electricity Commission as part of its Market Design Review. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process. Please find enclosed a submission made by the Ministry of Social Development.

The Ministry of Social Development acknowledges the value of the ongoing relationship that has been developed with the Electricity Commission through the *Protocol Between Electricity Retailers and Social Agencies* and the *Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Low Income and Vulnerable Consumers*.

We would welcome any comment or queries related to this submission. Please forward these to Elizabeth Soal at elizabeth.soal001@msd.govt.nz or on 03 955 6557.

Yours sincerely

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