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I submit the following for the deliberations of the committee with some supporting data.

At the retail level the current pricing practices are too complex. Even the notion of off peak can only be due to the way in which a house is wired.

At domestic retail level, **there should be only one domestic retail rate**. If the concern is peak demand (in any nominated period) then the single rate tariff could be augmented by a Maximum Demand Tariff.

The current pricing complexity is illustrated by the attached calculations to determine what happened by comparing the August 2011 billing to August 2012.

The other document shows over 15 years of data and highlights the futility of reducing power consumption for no economic benefit.

Finally with regard to solar panels, it is my view that these should be purchased by the energy provider, installed on houses, power fed into the grid, the homeowner compensated with a nominal rent for roof space. If the industry drives it, it can integrate this step with other elements of their business e.g. effect on distribution network . Consumers should never have been invited to become power generators.

Thank you

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