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Mr Richard Plew
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Dear Richard

Thank you for your application dated 25 November 2014 seeking an exemption from compliance with the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations).

I advise that in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations, an exemption is granted to Meridian Energy until 1 October 2024 in respect of the following:

- Homes served by a single line that serves few homes and no other significant electricity consumers in the following remote areas (as provided more specifically on the two attached maps):
 - Kaiuma Bay
 - Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sounds
 - Curious Cove, Port Underwood and Arapawa Island
 - French Pass and D'Urville Island
 - Upper Waihopai Valley
 - Upper Wairau Valley
 - Cape Campbell
 - Southern East Coast
 - Upper Awatere Valley.

Meridian Energy is required by regulation 34 of the Regulations to publish the attached Notice of Exemption, including the maps of the applicable areas, on its website at all reasonable times.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Bridges
Minister of Energy and Resources

Notice of Exemption

issued under

Regulation 31

of the

Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004

Under regulation 31 of the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004, having regard to and being satisfied that the criteria in regulation 31 are met, an exemption is granted to Meridian Energy Limited **until 1 October 2024** in respect of the following:

- Homes served by a single line that serves few homes and no other significant electricity consumers
- In the following remote areas (represented in the two attached maps):
 - Kaiuma Bay
 - Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sounds
 - Curious Cove, Port Underwood and Arapawa Island
 - French Pass and D'Urville Island
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Dated *3 February* 2015

Map one: Remote areas covered by exemption



