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Submission on proposed changes to Registry ICP switching process

- 1. Vector welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Electricity Authority's ("Authority") consultation paper entitled *Proposed changes to Registry ICP switching process*, dated 14 May 2012.
- 2. Vector's contact person for this submission is:

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- 3. The Authority has previously suggested a three-week switching moratorium to allow for changes to be made to implement the new Part 10 Code requirements. Vector strongly agrees with the Authority's revised view that a three-week switching moratorium would be too long. Distributors bill the retailer that is recorded as "holding" the ICP on the Registry for lines function services. Therefore a switching moratorium would create billing difficulties for the industry. We support as short a switching moratorium as is possible and consider that the proposed 2-3 days is reasonable.
- 4. Vector also supports the proposal that the moratorium will occur over 4-6 May 2013. If the moratorium occurs at this time it would minimise the impact on Vector's billing processes.

Yours sincerely,

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