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### Press Statement

#### Re: Call for Submissions: FEA Charging Capital Costs to Customers

The Commission is an Independent Statutory Body that promotes effective competition and informed markets, encourages fair trading practices, protects consumers and businesses from restrictive trade practices and controls prices of regulated industries and other markets where competition is lessened or limited.

The Commission, pursuant to **Section 15 (1) (f) and Section (1) (h) of the Commerce Commission Decree 2010** ("Decree") is also tasked to:

1. *To promote the interest of consumers and persons negotiating or considering the acquisition of goods or services as consumers and to assist them to a greater awareness in relation to their assessment and use of goods or services;*
2. *To receive and consider complaints concerning matters affecting or likely to affect the interest of consumers or persons negotiating or considering the acquisition of goods or services as consumers and if the Commission is of the opinion that such action is warranted, to investigate the complaints and take such action on behalf of the consumers or persons negotiating including legal proceedings in respect thereof as seems proper to the Commission.*

The Commission notes that Fiji Electricity Authority (FEA) is a monopoly provider of electricity in Fiji. In this regard, FEA has absolute market power and can decide, unilaterally, where to supply, whom to supply and under what cost regime to supply electricity. The Commission has received few complaints, alleging that FEA is asking customers, business houses, firms and investors to fund part of Capital Infrastructure to expand the grid. The Commission notes that while customers have paid for FEA's capital expenses, they do not have any ownership of this capital expenditure and thus do not get any returns on the stream of future income on this invested capital. Furthermore, customers are required to pay a market based tariff rates for electricity consumed.

The Commission is now asking members of public to make submission on their views on this policy of FEA. All submissions are to be made to:

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The submissions, via postal, fax or email, must be reach the Commission no later than 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

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