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To: All LegCo House Committee Members
Re: Sub committee for reviewing the Electricity Market
For the LegCo House Committee Meeting March 24, 2006

Dear Hon. Members,

Air pollution is one of the top concerns of the public. Therefore it is one of your top concerns. We get questions all the time from people whose families are suffering from air pollution and who see a decline in their children's health and their own health asking us what they should do and how can they get the Government and LegCo to act.

Just yesterday pollution concentrations were **five times higher** that our annual goal. The electricity market must have adequate scrutiny from LegCo so our children's health is not held hostage to stockholders of coal burning multinational corporations like Exxon/Mobil and Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings who believe they have a legal duty to maximize profits at the cost of our health.

Below is just one quote from the original consultation document:

4.6 Option 2 - Regulatory Framework Supported by Legislation

- **Would** be perceived as Government's intrusion into private business operation.
- **Might** entail a lengthy legislative process.
- **Would** involve more bureaucracy and higher administrative costs.
- **Would** mean complete overhaul of a regulatory framework that has generally operated satisfactorily for several decades.

These statements clearly show that Government is not in charge. They are willing to put our health at risk because of a "perception". We need LegCo to keep the issues in the public eye, and not hidden behind closed doors. Something is amiss when the Government whose regulatory framework has not been able to prevent a 68% increase in Sulfur Dioxide from our power plants last year, wants to make decisions without LegCo.

In summary, we strongly support the creation of a LegCo subcommittee on the future of the electricity market.

Regards,

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Chairperson
Clear The Air



Yesterday's air pollution concentrations Tung Chung and Mong Kok

