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Dear Mr Lau,

**Joint Panels Meeting
on Economic Services and Environmental Affairs
on 28 April 2003**

I refer to the above meeting at which the Administration undertook to provide information on the estimated demand for electricity for the next ten years in Hong Kong.

The Government makes annual assessment on the trend of local electricity demand over the next 10 years. Such assessment normally includes an electricity sales forecast and a maximum demand forecast. The latest assessment was completed in the latter half of last year. According to that assessment, the average annual growth rates of electricity demand during 2002 to 2011 (with 2001 as the base year) are about 3% per annum in terms of sales and about 2% per annum in terms of maximum demand.

Yours sincerely,

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