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Given this, we recognise the potential need to change the levy for the fifth year of the Commission's operation and that this will depend on a number of factors, including the level of business which the Commission receives.

Yours sincerely

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