

Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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I am satisfied that all my earlier comments from the pre-defense have either been incorporated into the thesis, or a reasonable explanation has been given as to why not.

The introduction now does a much better job of summarizing the three chapters and their relationship to the literature and discussing the links between them.

The first two chapters were already in good shape at the time of the first submission, and indeed had already been published, so no major changes were needed.

The explanation of the data, variable definitions, and econometric approach in the third chapter are now much clearer. The new cost-benefit analysis has further improved the contribution. This chapter is now ready for submission to a journal, after some minor editing.

My responses to the above questions follow:

- a) This thesis is based on a new and valuable survey. The results of the analysis of this data contribute substantially to the literature on responses to energy price changes, with respect to gas and electricity consumption, and investment in energy saving renovations.
- b) The list of references contained in the thesis is, to the best of my knowledge, appropriate and comprehensive.
- c) Yes, the thesis would be easily defensible at IESEG School of Management, or the University of Auckland where I worked previously.
- d) The first two papers have already been accepted for publication in a good journal. The third, should be publishable in a respectable field journal.
- e) I have no further major comments that need to be improved before the defense.
- f) I recommend the thesis for defense without substantial changes.

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