

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY ON 19 FEBRUARY 2008, REGENCY 2, MILLENNIUM HOTEL – MANUELS TAUPO, 243 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPO COMMENCING AT 2.30 PM.

**PRESENT:** Judge David Sheppard (Chairperson), Mr Kevin Prime, Dr Deborah Read, Mr John Rutherford.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kevin Currie (Senior Manager), Nicholas Zaman (Project Manager), Jo Daly (Executive Officer) and Phil Mitchell (Mitchell Partnerships).

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairperson welcomed those present, confirmed the Board members' approval that Dr Mitchell is in attendance and declared the meeting open.

### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Moved Chairperson*  
*Seconded Dr Read*

*That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2007 are accepted as a correct record of the Meeting.*

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

There are no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **3. MATTERS FOR BOARD DECISION**

#### **3.1 Memorandum from Mr McQueen and High Court Proceedings**

The Chairperson reviewed what has happened since the Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Professor Robert McQueen was received on 8 February, and updated the Board on the process to date.

The Chairperson suggested a summary report be prepared by staff summarising the points raised in response to the Board Minute of 11 February 2008. This report will be circulated to Board members who will inform the Chairperson of their initial views. If the Board is in agreement, the Chairperson will prepare a draft decision, expressing reasons for that decision, and circulate it to Board members for

suggestions and comments. Once agreed, the decision could be released as the Board of Inquiry's decision.

The Board endorsed the proposed process.

*The Chairperson noted that: All items to be discussed at this meeting are done on the assumption of a particular outcome to the adjournment request. This is not to be taken as the Board indicating this outcome before they come to it. It is necessary for the Board to continue as planned and to proceed with the process on that basis.*

### **3.2 Section 42A Report and further information provided – BP 007**

As a result of the s42A report commissioned by the Board, Transpower have provided further information on magnetic fields. It was noted that the Board did not formally request this information from Transpower, but it had been supplied in response to the information gaps identified in section 7.2.1 of the s42A report.

The further information is to be made publicly available on the Board's web pages.

Dr Mitchell gave the Board a brief verbal overview of the s42A report and process. He advised the Board that, with the exception mentioned above, the information provided by the applicant is adequate for the process to continue.

*Action: Also addressed in these minutes under Other Business - the Project Manager to make the further information on magnetic fields supplied by Transpower available on the Board web pages. Mr Rutherford to approve accompanying text.*

### **3.3 Hearing proceedings and practicalities – BP 008**

The Board worked through the hearing proceedings and practicalities listed in report BP 008 and made decisions on them.

The Chairperson asked that the relevant decisions on the hearing proceedings be made available on the Board of Inquiry webpage.

*Moved Chairperson  
Seconded Mr Prime*

*The Board received the report.*

**The Meeting of the Board adjourned for 15 minutes at 4.00 pm.**

### **3.4 Hearing Timetable after 15 August 2008**

The Board deferred consideration of this to the next meeting.

### **3.5 Board Papers available on website**

The Senior Manager confirmed that when appropriate or when directed, Staff make Board decisions and directions publicly available.

The Chairperson stated that in the decision process the Board wouldn't be looking to Board papers as a source. Sources should be the evidence presented in the public hearing.

The Board agreed that papers submitted to the Board do not need to be published on the Board web pages.

### **3.6 Board requests for further information**

The Chairperson questioned the Board members on whether they wished to seek further information, and it was agreed that no further information is required at this time.

*Note: Kevin Currie left the meeting at 4.30 pm.*

## **4. MATTERS FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

### **4.1 Letter to Minister from Submitter and Minister's response**

The Project Manager briefed the Board on the letter from Solicitors for the Hunua and Paparimu Valley Residents Association Incorporated received by the Minister, and the Minister's response.

### **4.2 National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards on Electricity Transmission**

The Project Manager updated the Board on the progress of the National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards on Electricity Transmission processes. The Board discussed the implications for its inquiry of the coming into effect of a National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission after the lodging of evidence and during the remaining period prior to the start of the Boards inquiry on 25 March.

### **4.3 Events between 19 February and commencement of Hearing – BP 009**

The Board discussed report BP 009 and reviewed events scheduled to take place before the commencement of the hearing.

The Board directed that the inquiry hearing is to be publicly notified in newspapers and sent to all submitters who have indicated they wish to appear and haven't since advised otherwise.

*Action: Staff to action public notification as directed by the Board.*

#### 4.4 Board details and accommodation

The Executive Officer updated the Board on details to date regarding Board accommodation and advised further details of personal requirements would be collected prior to the hearing.

#### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

On item 3.2 in regard to further information supplied by Transpower, the Board requested the Project Manager draft an introductory paragraph for the additional information supplied, to be approved by Mr Rutherford and placed on the Board web pages.

Dr Read raised the issue of Board Insurance. The Project Manager outlined progress to date.

*Moved Chairperson  
Seconded Unanimously*

That the Board express its disappointment that insurance for Board Members while travelling on Board business has not been implemented.

#### 6. CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

CONFIRMED:

*[Signature]*  
*Chairperson*

Date

*27/11/08*