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Dear Mr Taylor

### **Response to comments made on draft report and decision**

Thank you for your comments on the Board's draft report and decision on the Upper North Island Grid Upgrade Proposal. The Board would like your response to some matters arising from these comments, and also invites you to respond to some specific comments made by affected councils and a submitter.

#### **Reference to new versions of documents**

Would you please explain what authority the Board has to consider, or refer to, documents that were not in existence at the time the inquiry hearing was completed? This question arises in relation to comments from you and Environment Waikato, where you have both requested that a reference to a technical report be updated (paragraph 57 and 58 - Transpower comments and condition 9 - Environment Waikato comments).

Similarly, the Board also invites you to respond to the request by Matamata-Piako District Council that reference to the noise standard be updated (paragraph 2 - Matamata-Piako comments).

#### **Reference to Maungatautari**

The Board would like you to clarify what specific amendments you are requesting in relation to references in the draft report to Maungatautari (paragraphs 24 to 30 of your comments).

#### **Land not included in NOR**

In paragraph 51 of your comments, you request an amendment to the designation to incorporate land that was not included in the original NOR application. Would you please explain what authority the Board has to include this land in the designation?

### **Amendments to tables of legal descriptions**

You have requested a number of changes to legal descriptions for the designation in Appendix C of your comments. The Board would like to be assured that it is entitled to update the legal descriptions of the land parcels within the final designation, because the changes would not be open to scrutiny by owners of the land and other parties as other matters presented at the inquiry hearing were. Consequently, the Board requests that any changes to legal descriptions are supported by a statutory declaration verifying that they are current descriptions of land identified in the original notice of requirement.

### **Changes to conditions**

A number of parties suggested alterations to the conditions in appendixes C to U of the draft report. As the conditions will be administered by the councils, the Board understands that Transpower would prefer that the conditions imposed by the final decision are agreed on by both Transpower and the Councils.

The Board would like you to consider and provide a response to the following requests for changes to the conditions:

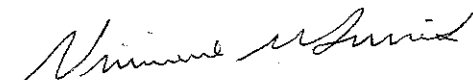
Manukau City Council	comments - annexure 1, paragraphs 1-32
Franklin District Council	comments - paragraphs 2-16
Waikato District Council	comments - attachment A or B
Matamata-Piako District Council	comments - paragraphs 1 and 2
Waipa District Council	comments - paragraphs 9, 10, 14 and 15
South Waikato District Council	comments - paragraphs 21-29

In addition to the above, the Board asks you to respond to Mighty River Power Ltd's comments (page 2) relating to the commencement of their resource consent.

Finally, the Board would like you to consider and provide a response to paragraphs 10, 11 and 14 of the comments on behalf of P Phillips, C Richards and C Tylden.

The Board understands that Transpower would wish to respond promptly, so has not set a time limit at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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**Project Manager**

cc: Manukau City Council  
Franklin District Council  
Waikato District Council  
Matamata-Piako District Council  
Waipa District Council  
South Waikato District Council  
Environment Waikato