

SUBMISSION ON TRANSPOWER'S NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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[If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please make it for the attention of "Grid Upgrade Submissions"]

This submission relates to the notices of requirement and/or applications for resource consent, lodged by Transpower New Zealand Ltd for the North Island Grid Upgrade Project, and identified on the next page.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all notices of requirement and applications for resource consents or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents. If you are making a submission only on parts of a notice of requirement or application for resource consents, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are:

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

Attached

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

That the application for Notices of Requirement and Resource Consents should be turned down completely, and Transpower directed to investigate generation and transmission alternatives that will avoid this line being built under any circumstances. I do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the application subject to conditions

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): [Signature]

Date: 24 September 2007

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)



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Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirement and applications for resource consents below

OR

My/our submission only concerns the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that I/we have ticked below:

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manukau City Council			
Pakuranga Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Otahuhu Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Brownhill Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Otahuhu to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619		✓	
Franklin District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: L07089		✓	
Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DES0011/07		✓	
Matamata-Piako District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RMR200621		✓	
Waipa District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DN/0006/07		✓	
South Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 240/021		✓	
Taupo District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209		✓	
Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209		✓	
Auckland Regional Council – Resource Consents			
<i>Pakuranga to Brownhill Underground Cable Resource Consents</i>			
Application 34102: Land Use Consent for earthworks			
Application 34370: Discharge of Contaminants to land from ancillary activities that produce wastewater or washwater			
Application 34372: Works in the Bed of a Watercourse			
Application 34373: Diversion of Surface Water			
<i>Overhead Line and Brownhill Substation Resource Consents</i>			
Application 34711: Land Use Consent for earthworks			
Application 34712: Discharge of Contaminants to land			
Environment Waikato – Resource Consents			
<i>Overhead Line and Whakamaru North Substation Resource Consents</i>			
Application 116902: Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance and earthworks		✓	
Application 116903: Discharge Permit for the composting of vegetation		✓	
Application 116904: Land Use Consent for the drilling of tower foundation below the water table		✓	
Application 116905: Discharge Permit for the discharge of site water and drilling fluids from drilling activities into surface water.		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form must also be sent to Transpower as soon as possible at:

North Island Grid Upgrade Project, Transpower Freepost 182915, PO Box 1021, Wellington
or email submissions@transpower.co.nz or fax 04 819 7624.

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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Our property at 674 Tauhei Road has been farmed and carefully nurtured by our family for 67 years. In that time it has undergone development from scrub covered hills and wet undrained flats to a highly productive sheep and beef cattle unit, enhanced by careful landscaping including the planting of many trees which gives it a park-like appearance most times of the year. My parents would have carried out the initial development, and my wife and I have put in the finishing touches----we are very proud of what we have achieved. With the desecration to be caused by the obtrusiveness of these huge ugly pylons, we no longer have the will or desire to continue farming the property as we have done in the past.

The new line takes a completely new route and bisects and therefore cordons off the farm infrastructure, ie... sheep and cattle yards, woolshed, sundry farm buildings, homestead and second house from the main part of the farm, creating a landlocked area. The overall effect on the property is a total nullification of what has taken our family 67 years to create. We have extreme difficulty visualising the sheer size and magnitude of the "angle pylon" #200 [148 sq m - height 51.6 m] and the affect it will have on the clean green image and attractive and uncluttered appearance of the property. We cannot deny the emotional stress it is causing us.

This new line will pose serious health risks to us as land owners, our family members and farm workers from the effects of EMF fields as a result of working in the vicinity of and crossing under the lines several times a day. The nature of these risks have been widely publicised. Levels set by N.Z. NRL take into account field strengths that cause only shocks or burns and because of this are now highly questionable. The exposure limits recommended by the NRL transfer risk to the community and provide economic advantage to the industry by not having to provide protection against possible risks resulting from exposure.

I remain totally opposed to the construction of this new line. Visually it will be ruinous to many properties and have long lasting devastating effects on the environment and a very beautiful countryside. There are better alternatives to this proposed line that are far less obtrusive. It is not to late to consider them.

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Submitted by J.H.Gibson