

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

* Please refer to attached page *.

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, conservation and transmission alternatives that will avoid this line being built under any circumstances.
- We explicitly do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applications subject to conditions - we want the application turned down in whole.

Please use more pages if you need to.

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): D. B. Hale Christine Hale

Date: 01/10/2007

(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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THE REASONS FOR OUR SUBMISSIONS ARE:

We are completely opposed to Transpower's intention to build this un-needed line.

This current proposal is simply the same proposal, deferring costs over a longer time frame. I.e. upgrading 220kV to 400kV and building substations at a later date.

Better equal benefit alternatives exist and have been ignored by Transpower since the original proposal failed the grid investment criteria set by the Electricity Commission.

Other alternatives are:

- more generation in the Auckland area.
- duplexing and reconductoring the Whakamaru A, B and C lines.
- use of HVDC transmission technology.
- more use of HVAC underground lines.
- building more smaller 220kV lines.

These must all be possible options to secure Auckland's electricity needs in a less obtrusive and environmentally damaging manner.

We oppose this line being built on a 65 metre easement when health warnings suggest a precautionary distance of 600 metres should be maintained. EMF and ionized particle emissions have been proven to cause numerous diseases including childhood leukaemia. We had intended to build on our property - these revelations have made us reconsider. We are also unable to sell our property in a fair market environment with these issues hanging over us.

We oppose these applications because Transpower has falsely tried to justify the need for this line being built by using out of date and inaccurately high demand growth forecasts, have not included the cost of environmental impacts in their justifications, and are providing misleading and inaccurate costings of the real alternative options to this line that should be considered.

Submission from Dennis & Christine Hale.