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A: copy of this submission has been emailed to Transpower.  
Scope: This submission covers all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents relating Transpower's applications that will be heard by this Board of Inquiry. The references are NORs 27619, L07089, DES0011/07, RMR200621, DN/0006/07, 240/021, RM070209, and resource consents 34102, 34370, 34372, 34373, 34711, 34712, 116902, 116903, 116904, 116905, and any other NORs or resource consent applications that may subsequently be filed or altered. We oppose all of these NORs and applications for resource consent.  
Re: 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 above.  
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Reasons:

My husband and I came to Hunua 11 years ago after growing up in Manurewa, South Auckland. We both worked full time to take our kids away from the South auckland environment and enable them to have a "kiwi upbringing" in a place that was not too far to travel to work and see family, but still had a rural feel to it. We sit on our back deck, on a hectare of land that we love, and are and still paying for, and we can see 12 pylons in our vista. I do not understand how or why this latest pylon project has been allowed to progress as far as it has. Hunua has multiple pylons going through it and now we are forced to be, along with a large part of the North Island, part of a submission that has no definitive purpose. These pylons have, already, before they have been erected, changed the lives of people that make up all that is promoted as good in our country. I find this the most unfair. The heart and soul of some of the proudest proponents of New Zealand values is being totally dismissed while these archaic monoliths are being promoted as being necessary for our future. I have been to a meeting were I have seen a young father cry with frustration that the land he had thought was going to be his children's future is totally worthless, I have been to a meeting where a Transpower envoronmentilist was asked why the pylons couldn't be run throught the Hunua Ranges, and her reply was that it wasn't environmentally viable. Exactly. Save money. Don't worry about us - we can always give up the fight and go on the benefit

I am completely opposed to Transpower's intention to build this un-needed line, as the demand growth projections of the Electricity Commission (2007 SOO) do not justify its construction. The scale and capacity of this proposed 400kV capable line is completely out of alignment with the expected requirements for transmission capacity into Auckland to meet demand growth in the next 40 years. The potential new generation capacity likely to be constructed in the Auckland region in the next 40 years has been grossly underestimated in an attempt to justify this line as one of national significance and urgency.

Better equal benefit alternatives to this proposed line are available that have a much reduced environmental impact, such as more generation in the Auckland region, duplexing and reconductoring of the Whakamaru A, B and C lines, use of HVDC transmission technology which will be less obtrusive and easier to underground, more extensive use of undergrounding of HVAC lines, and consideration of new conventional small scale 220kV transmission lines.

I oppose this line being built on a 65 metre wide easement, when a 600 metre wide easement, free of houses and workplaces, should be required as a precautionary principle to reduce future health risks and environmental impacts.

I oppose large scale HVAC transmission lines being built on narrow 65 metre wide easements because of the EMF emissions and ionized particle emissions that will come from this line, which have been proven to cause numerous diseases, including childhood leukaemia.

I oppose these applications because Transpower has falsely (and perhaps criminally) tried to justify the need for this line being built by using out of date and inaccurately high demand growth forecasts (2005 SOO), 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.

Therefore:

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry. 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.

I explicitly do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applications subject to conditions - I want the applications turned down in whole.