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Yes:

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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.

Remote Name: 210.246.2.42

Date: 03 October 2007

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Reasons:

We are vigorously opposed to any upgrade of the OTA-WKM 220Kv A and B Flat Tops, such as duplexing or installing 400Kv as set out in the Electricity Commissions' list of alternatives (T1 - T4) This would be an absolute disaster for us, as the these lines are located less than 60m from our front door.

Any increase to voltage/current and the subsequent emissions, and the increase in height and noise of the towers would significantly affect my family and I, not to mention reduce the market value of our family home. For the majority of landowners in NZ, including yourself, our homes are our largest monetary investment and any loss to the value of our homes is distressing to say the least.

We would prefer one of several alternatives that have been suggested from various sources:

a) More extensive use of undergrounding HVAC lines which is technically feasible.

b)One future-proofing strategy would be to build a new power tunnel leading from the Bombay Hills to connect with Vectors' current Penrose to Hobson St tunnel as proposed by Murray Jackson, Chief Executive of Genesis Energy. It would solve the visual pollution of pylons and ensure that capacity could be upgraded easily and invisibly. This scheme would be cost effective, considering future possible litigation's regarding cancers and ill health associated with people living in close proximity to high voltage power lines as studies in the UK and Ireland are now proving.

c)Once Comalco is closed down, a direct current line could run all the way to Auckland, providing a safe and efficient mode of electricity transmission.

d)Another option is a transmission corridor with the acquisition of land with realistic easements of at least 300m, not the 65m proposed by Transpower. Anything less than that would be unacceptable to any of the landowners concerned.

e)New low profile 220kV line option along the Ari-Pak A Line

We are opposed to any upgrades of the lines OTA - WKM A and B Lines. We are all aware that Auckland's population is going to increase in size, and now is the time to invest in a tunnel to provide for future generations, remembering that the cheapest option is not always the best option.

Thank you for your time and we hope the Ministry for the Environment supports the right decision for all fellow New Zealanders.

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 further the possibilities of undergrounding all future line upgrades. This will add cents not dollars to the electricity consumer.

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