

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

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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

see attached single 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):

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):

Date: 14/9/07

(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 |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>Manukau City Council</b>   |         |        |         |
| 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  |         |        |         |
| <b>Franklin District Council</b>  |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: L07089   |         |        |         |
| <b>Waikato District Council</b>   |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DES0011/07   |         |        |         |
| <b>Matamata-Piako District Council</b>  |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RMR200621  |         |        |         |
| <b>Waipa District Council</b>   |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DN/0006/07   |         |        |         |
| <b>South Waikato District Council</b>   |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 240/021  |         |        |         |
| <b>Taupo District Council</b>   |         |        |         |
| Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209   |         |        |         |
| Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209  |         |        |         |
| <b>Auckland Regional Council – Resource Consents</b>  |         |        |         |
| <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  |         |        |         |
| <b>Environment Waikato – Resource Consents</b>  |         |        |         |
| <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](mailto: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 my submission are:

- 1) This application if successful will be an irreversible blight on the iconic landscape it crosses. The cost compared to undergrounding has been one of the main arguments proposed in its favour. The fact that the permanent environmental impact cannot be adequately and objectively costed seems not to have been taken fully and objectively into account. It assumes that the only costs really worth considering are financial.
- 2) Alternatives have not been fully investigated, and the granting of consent for this application would be premature.
- 3) The true needs, now and in the future, have not been conclusively established. Granting of consent for this application would be premature.

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:

- 1) That the application be rejected
- 2) That a non-negotiable condition of any future power line between Otahuhu and Whakamaru is that it be entirely underground.