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Submission on Transpower's Notice of Requirement
And Applications for Resource Consents.

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We wish to be heard in support of our submission

The submission relates to the Transpower proposal in its entirety.

We acknowledge that upgrade of the transmission network into Auckland is necessary but we oppose the Transpower 400kv capable proposal as we believe that the social and visual impact proposed is unacceptable for the New Zealand environment and there are viable alternatives. We support the submissions of Underground in Manukau and Manukau City Council.

The proposed 65m easements are unacceptable to meet safe EMF stds and create restrictions on landowners beyond the proposed easement.

As we live in South Auckland we are particularly concerned with any new overhead lines travelling the narrow South Auckland isthmus.

Reasons for Submission

1.Reasons for Undergrounding line in South Auckland

- A creates a greater diversity of supply through the narrow south Auckland isthmus
- B avoids the flight path of Ardmore airport
- C avoids the future urbanisation of Brookby
- D avoids visual pollution of the Whitford Plan Change 8 area, a plan based on the value of the area's visual amenity.

2. We believe that the 65 m easement proposed may be insufficient to meet

- A safe emf distance
- B impact on landowners use of land beyond the easement

3. The EC may not have approved the line if the latest information the 2007 SOO had been used.

4 Underground Cable ---Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement Reference No 27619

Transpower have publicly stated that it will only be implementing the sandstone, Whitford Park, Brownhill Roads route. That should be confirmed by a condition on the requirement.

3 Decision Sought

a Decline the proposal

b However if the Board of Inquiry decide to approve the Transpower proposal we would seek that Notice of Requirement in Manukau City ref No 27619 be declined or conditions be put in place to require the entire route within Manukau City be underground.

c Underground cable Ref No 27619
Limit the implementation of the notice of requirement to the sandstone, Whitford Park route

d seek transpower to provide a more environmentally sensitive proposal

e Such other relief that satisfies the concerns of the submitter.

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