



12 February 2019

Transpower New Zealand Limited
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Attention: Matthew Curran

Dear Sir

Resource Consent No. 102.2018.285.1
Section 92 Request For Further Information
Four Notices of Requirement and Consent for New Substations and to Relocate Transmission Lines
Rangitata - Orari Bridge Highway RD 22 Geraldine

On behalf of Timaru District Council, Beca Ltd has reviewed your application and pursuant to section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act), requests the following further information in respect of the application:

1. Section 4.2.2 Transmission Line Locations p17
 - (i) Where reference is made to “relocation” can you clarify whether the towers on the relocated positions are new towers rather than the existing towers.
 - (ii) Can more specific heights be applied to the individual 5 towers to be relocated given there is some variance between 28-41m?
 - (iii) What is the difference in height between the new and existing towers (second paragraph p 18)?
2. Section 4.3.2 Transmission Line Locations p19
 - (i) Where reference is made to “relocation” can you clarify whether the towers on the relocated positions are new towers rather than the existing towers.
 - (ii) Can more specific heights be applied to the individual towers to be relocated given there is some variance between 23-31m and 46-57m?
 - (iii) What is the difference in height between the new and existing towers (second paragraph p 20)?
3. Section 5.1 Overview of the Applications p24
 - (i) At the bottom of page 24 the comment is made that “no outline plans will be necessary for the designations protecting the corridors required for the transmission line relocations, as the resource consent under NESETA will authorise those physical works”. Is this an assumption and/or is it authorised by an RMA provision?
4. Section 5.7 NESETA Resource Consents p29

- (i) Please clarify why the towers will not be within the tower envelope (p30 second para)-is this because of height, width, occupied buildings etc?
5. Section 8.6 Noise p62
- (i) The MDA report on noise generally uses “LAeq’ in its assessment. Can you please confirm if there will be compliance with the Timaru District Plan noise limits which are measured in LA10 and LAFmax.
- (ii) The operational noise assessment appears to refer to the transformers on the substation sites only. Is the noise generated by the conductors particularly during times of high winds or atmospheric conditions relevant, and if so, what are the likely noise levels and degree of effect?
6. Section 12 Notification p103
- (i) Could you please show the properties identified in Table 10 in Section 12 on a plan relative to the NORs.
- (ii) Is TDC also considered an affected party given the transmission lines will cross local roads (NZTA is identified as an affected party)?
- (iii) It appears from section 7.2 that consultation has been undertaken with the parties identified in Table 10. Please confirm this and describe the outcome of the consultation undertaken.
7. Landscape and Visual Assessment Report-Appendix 11
- (i) In considering the assessment provided on Tables 1 and 2 (pages 12 and 14 respectively) and taking into account the “baseline” approach for the southern site (page 11) it is difficult to determine what ‘Year 1’ relates to in terms of assumed plant growth. Could you please clarify what provision for plant growth has been made (if any), particularly in giving effect to the adopted “baseline” approach? The Figures in the report only appear to relate to “10 years of maturity”.

The provision of the above information will help the consent authority to better understand the proposed activity, its effect on the environment and the way any adverse effects on the environment might be avoided, remedied or mitigated.

In accordance with section 92A of the Act you must within 15 working days of the date of this request, take one of the following options:

- provide the information; or
- inform the consent authority in writing that you agree to provide the information; or
- inform the consent authority in writing that you refuse to provide the information.

If you agree to provide the information Council will subsequently set a reasonable time within which the information must be provided and inform you of this date in writing.

Please note that failure to provide the information requested or failure to comply with the time limit could result in your application being publicly notified or declined.

In accordance with section 88C of the Act, the processing of your application will be placed on hold until:

- we have received the requested information and confirm that it is complete; or
- we have received confirmation that you do not intend to provide the information; or
- the time limit Council has set has lapsed.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the contact details listed.

Yours faithfully



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