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Dear Dane

### **Submission of Bombay-Otahuhu Regional Major Capex Proposal**

Please find a Major Capex Proposal (MCP) attached for investment to ensure reliability of supply in the Bombay-Otahuhu region.

This proposal has two drivers: demand-driven, due to the electricity demand growth forecast in the region, and condition-driven, due to asset condition on our 110kV network in the region. We have considered these issues simultaneously as there are synergies between them which enable a more beneficial solution overall, compared to addressing the issues individually.

The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to suppress demand growth in the short term, but not in the long term. Lines companies in the region continue to experience strong demand growth, with Counties Power reporting that they have had 300 new requests for connections since the pandemic began. Irrespective of this, the condition-driven need is not affected by COVID-19 and this MCP needs to progress as planned in order to meet the Otahuhu to Wiri condition requirement.

We look forward to your consideration of this application and will be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Yours sincerely

Alison Andrew  
Chief Executive Officer