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Matthew Clark
Regulation Branch
Commerce Commission
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Dear Matthew,

Bombay Otahuhu Regional MCP amendment

Thank you for providing an opportunity to submit on the Commission's draft decision to approve the amendment application. Transpower is supportive of the Commission's decision and MCA for the work.

Our initial application MCA of \$15.8m was premised on the use of our traditional fixed hurdles to protect key road crossings while the conductors are replaced. At this time an alternative and potentially more cost-effective Catenary Support System (CSS) was still under development and the technology unproven. However, subsequent trials of this system has given us confidence that it can be used safely and without the need for the protection of fixed hurdles.

Similarly, we are more confident of achieving the necessary 3rd party approvals for the use of CSS technique across the roadways within this project timeframe.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Jones
Strategic Asset Manager