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Meridian submission on reconductoring the Central Park Wilton B line

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's draft decision on Transpower's Central Park Wilton B Line listed project.

As noted in the draft decision (para C4) Meridian has already expressed to Transpower its support for the proposal. We requested that at the same time as it carries out the reconductoring, Transpower also carries out all necessary maintenance work on the CPK_WIL_B line, including work on the tee sections through to our West Wind wind farm. We also asked that Transpower coordinate all work with Meridian in order to ensure minimum loss of generation from West Wind during the upgrades. We understand that Transpower is amenable to these requests and will ensure that the work is coordinated accordingly.

Meridian also supports the Commission's draft decision, including the changes to the base capex allowance, for the reasons set out in the Commission's draft decision and supporting workings.

Please contact either Geoffry Sams (geoffry.sams@meridianenergy.co.nz DDI: 04 806 4616) or myself if you have any questions.

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