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Hutt City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel
Hutt City Council
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Lower Hutt 5040

via email: District.Plan@huttcity.govt.nz

Powerco Statement – Hearing Stream 1

Powerco Limited (Powerco) will not be attending the Hearing Stream 1 for the Hutt City Proposed District Plan (PDP).

Powerco was a submitter (reference 414) and further submitter (reference F31) on the PDP.

Powerco has reviewed the s42A Officer’s Report for Hearing Stream 1 and notes that Powerco submission points 414.1 - 414.7 are not acknowledged. Most of these submission points supported provisions as drafted and no amendments are recommended to those provisions within the s42A report.

However, submission points 414.2 and 414.3 sought the addition of biogas to definition of ‘Infrastructure’ and ‘Network Utility Operator’. Powerco is seeking this addition of biogas to these definitions to acknowledge that sustainable gas blends may be utilised in our distribution networks as an alternative (or in addition) to natural gas. Amending the definition will provide surety that biogas can be distributed within our networks. As such, Powerco is seeking the relief outlined in its submission, which is repeated below for ease of reference:

Specific provision / matter	Requested decision (additions underlined and deletions strikethrough)
Definition - infrastructure	Retain clause (a) with amendment: a. pipelines that distribute or transmit natural or manufactured gas, petroleum, biofuel, <u>biogas</u> , or geothermal energy:
Definition - network utility operator	Retain clause (a) with amendment: a. undertakes or proposes to undertake the distribution or transmission by pipeline of natural or manufactured gas, petroleum, biofuel, <u>biogas</u> , or geothermal energy; or



It would be appreciated if this letter could be tabled with the Hearings Panel.

Let me know if you have any queries.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Scholfield".

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