



## Lower Waitaki Reliability Project - Stakeholder Forum

### What we are doing:

Transpower – the owner and operator of New Zealand's National Grid – is reviewing the regional electricity transmission network from the Waitaki Power Station to Oamaru and Timaru. At present this network is rated at 110 kV.

Transpower wants to ensure that this network will continue to meet the needs of end users both now and in the future. To achieve this, Transpower has been working with Network Waitaki and Alpine Energy – the owners of the local distribution networks – to review the future of the network as local demand increases. Network Waitaki, Alpine Energy and Transpower are holding a regional forum to consult with, and seek input from, key stakeholders.

As one of the regional stakeholders identified, we would like to invite you to this forum.

**When: 9:45am – 3:00pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**Where: Empire Room, Opera House, Oamaru**

Lunch will be provided.

### What is the “Lower Waitaki Network”?

The Lower Waitaki Grid 110 kV network is connected to the National Grid at the Waitaki power station and Timaru. It supplies consumers connected via the substations at Timaru and Oamaru Waitaki and Studholme. There is a 220 kV line that passes through the region from Livingstone to Islington in Christchurch. However this line does not service the Lower Waitaki region.

### Input we are seeking from participants:

Information and feedback provided by Stakeholders at the forum will assist Transpower in preparing an appropriate plan for the future of the regional transmission system. This would include your input on such things as:

- Your future demand for electricity. Expansion plans – their timing and likelihood – and how these might be translated into a requirement for additional electricity.
- The cost and consequences to you if your electricity supply is interrupted.
- Future generation plans.
- Current issues with supply from the Grid

A background document will be available at [www.gridnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.gridnewzealand.co.nz) from 27 February 2009.

### Contact:

To confirm your attendance at this forum please contact Jennifer Dorsey of Network Waitaki by 4:00pm Monday 2 March:

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Confirmation and a full agenda will be sent to attendees prior to the forum.