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Dear Hearing Commissioners

Hearing 1 – Plan Wide Matters and Strategic Direction

Powerco Limited (Powerco), Submitter 127, will not be attending Hearing 1 – Plan Wide Matters and Strategic Direction.

Powerco made one submission on this topic (Submission 127.1) in relation to the definition of *Regionally Significant Infrastructure*.

Regionally Significant Infrastructure Definition

Clause (a) of the definition as notified is:

Pipelines for the distribution or transmission of natural or manufactured gas or petroleum:

Powerco prefers the wording of the proposed amended definition of *Regionally Significant Infrastructure* in Proposed Change 1 to the Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement (RPS), that also recognises pipelines may include ancillary equipment to enable them to function. Accordingly, Powerco requested an amendment to the definition in line with Proposed Change 1 of the RPS as follows:

*Pipelines for the distribution or transmission of natural or manufactured gas or petroleum, **including any associated fittings, appurtenances, fixtures or equipment**.*

In Powerco's view these ancillary components would be implied as being an integral part of pipelines for the distribution and transmission of natural gas in any case, but prefers the definition is amended for clarity.

The s42A report recommends that this submission be rejected (paragraph 636). There are no clear reasons given, so it is assumed to be on the basis that the current clause (a) of the definition matches that of the current RPS definition. At Paragraph 638 the s42A report indicates that changes may occur should Plan Change 1 to the RPS



be determined prior to the hearings on the infrastructure provisions to the District Plan. However, the definition in the Proposed Wellington District Plan is already not fully verbatim the RPS in all clauses in any case, and the change requested will not fundamentally change the scope of the infrastructure envisaged as *Regionally Significant Infrastructure* in the RPS.

Powerco considers that the requested change is more one of clarity than a fundamental departure from regional direction, and accordingly we request that the amendment as requested in the submission, which is in line with proposed Change 1 to the RPS, is adopted.

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

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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

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