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Gore District Council

29 Bowler Ave

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Attn. Proposed Gore District Plan Review Commissioners

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Attn. Hearing Commissioners

Dear Hearing Commissioners

PowerNet Ltd – Letter to be Tabled in lieu of attendance at the Hearing for Hearing Stream 5:
Signs, Temporary Activities and Transport Chapters

PowerNet Ltd (PowerNet) made a submission on the Proposed Gore District Plan that is being considered at Hearing Stream 5. PowerNet have decided not to attend the hearing for the topics covered in Hearing Stream 5 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Temporary Activities Chapter

PowerNet sought that a new rule be included in the Temporary Activities Chapter of the proposed District Plan to provide for the use of temporary substations (submission point s95.024). PowerNet sought a rule to provide for the use of a temporary substation as a permitted activity. PowerNet uses mobile substation units as a back-up to its permanent substations in the event of emergencies or when the permanent substation is damaged or cut off or when routine maintenance is undertaken on a permanent substation. The mobile substation ensures that electricity supply to the community is not interrupted during maintenance events and can allow for the fast resumption of electricity supply in emergency situations while the permanent network is being repaired. Given the importance of temporary substations for the continuation of electricity supply, it is considered that this temporary activity should be provided for as a permitted activity.

The s42A report officer Ms J Skuse has recommended that this submission point be accepted, and has recommended that the following rule and an associated policy be included in the Temporary Activities Chapters:

Customer service is important to us at PowerNet. If for any reason, we do not meet your expectations we would like the opportunity to work through a solution with you, please call our office on 03 2111899. If we are unable to resolve your concern, there is a free and independent resolution service available through Utilities Disputes Limited www.udl.co.nz

TEMP-P10 Enable short-term use of temporary utilities needed for other temporary activities or for emergency purposes.

TEMP-R10 Temporary Network Utilities

<u>All Zones</u>	<u>Activity Status: Permitted</u> <u>Any temporary network utilities that:</u> <u>1. are required to provide an emergency service; or</u> <u>2. are related to, and required in respect of, a permitted temporary activity specified in this chapter of the District Plan.</u>	<u>Activity status where compliance is not achieved:</u> <u>Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion:</u> <u>1. The extent and effect of the duration of the operation on the amenity values of the surrounding properties.</u> <u>2. The extent of adverse effects arising from parking of vehicles and traffic generated by the activity.</u> <u>3. The extent of adverse effects arising from noise.</u> <u>4. Waste minimisation and management measures.</u> <u>5. Health and safety.</u>
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PowerNet supports the recommendation to include the above policy and rule in the Temporary Activities Chapter and can advise that these provisions will enable the use of its important temporary mobile substation units.

Thank you for considering the information in this letter.

Yours sincerely



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