IN THE MATTER

of the Resource

Management Act

1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the submissions by

VECTOR GAS

LIMITED on the

Proposed

Horowhenua District

Plan

EVIDENCE TO BE TABLED - VECTOR GAS LIMITED

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Vector Gas Limited ("Vector") made an initial written submission on 7 November 2012 to the Proposed Horowhenua District Plan (PHDC).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Vector owns and operates approximately 2500km of high pressure gas transmission pipelines and associated above ground station sites throughout the North Island.
- 2.2 Within the Horowhenua District Vector operates approximately 46km of gas transmission pipeline. These pipelines are the sole source of natural gas supplying the reticulation gas distribution networks located within Horowhenua and south of Horowhenua, including Wellington City.

3. VECTOR'S SUBMISSION

3.1 Vector made two submissions directly associated to the Utilities and Energy section of the PHDC.

3.2 Identified as Sub No.42.00, Vector seeks an amendment to Rule 22.1.10 to enable Vector to undertake routine planned maintenance work necessary to maintain gas transmission pipeline infrastructure in a safe and efficient manner.

3.3 Identified as Sub No.42.02, Vector seeks an amendment to Section 25.7.12 to ensure that adequate consideration is given to activities which have the potential to adversely affect the safe and effective operation of significant infrastructure.

4. SECTION 42A REPORT

4.1 The reporting officer's recommendations in relation to Vector's submissions have been to accept these in part along with recommended amendments to the necessary planning provisions which give effect to the relief sought by Vector.

4.2 Vector support the recommended decisions and amendments as these give effect to the relief being sought by Vector under the submissions.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Vector seek that the Hearing Committee accepts the recommended decisions and adopts the amendments to the PHDC associated with submissions 42.00 and 42.02

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