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**RE: Wellington Regional Policy Statement – Proposed Change 1
Hearing Stream 7 – Hearing Statement on behalf of Powerco
(Submitter 134)**

Introduction

1. This is a hearing statement prepared on behalf of Powerco Limited (*Powerco*) on Hearing Stream 7 – Small topics and Wrap-up. This hearing statement represents the views of Powerco and is not expert evidence. Powerco will not be attending the hearing but ask that this Hearing Statement be tabled before the Panel.
2. Powerco has an interest in electricity and gas distributions networks and infrastructure in the Wellington Region. For Hearing Stream 7, Powerco wishes to respond to the s42A report relating to the definition for *Regionally Significant Infrastructure*.

Definition – Regionally Significant Infrastructure

3. In relation to Powerco's electricity and gas distribution network business, the proposed definition for Regionally Significant Infrastructure includes:
 - pipelines for the distribution of natural gas, including associated fittings, appurtenances, fixtures or equipment; and
 - facilities for the electricity distribution network, where it is 11kV and above.
4. The Council's s42A report has recommended to retain the definition with minor changes in relation to other parties' submissions.
5. The definition reflects an equivalent definition in the recently operative Natural Resource Plan. Powerco fully supports the definition being retained in the Regional Policy Statement, as noted in paragraph 3.

6. Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the issues raised in the submissions from the Powerco. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer (refer details below) should you wish to clarify any matters addressed herein.

Regards,

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