

Submission to: The Electricity Commission.

Re: Auckland 400 kV grid investment proposal draft decision

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I have yet to hear where the power that these 400kv lines will come from. There is no doubt that the Auckland area needs more power and yes it will need to be transported to the area from where ever it is generated, but as we all know the S.Island lakes generate about as much as they will ever be able to so where does the power come from that these lines will be used for.

I suspect that the current proposal involves some Bad faith, in that the proposers of the line expect that after the line is built, then the argument will be, "well, now that we have these lines we have to get some generation built somewhere.

Which obviously recycles the question back to generation – and the closer to the area of need would seem to be best.

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