



**Submission to the Electricity Commission on its
Wilton 110kV Interconnection Investment
Proposal: December 2008**

From

Contact Energy Limited

30th January 2009

Introduction

Contact Energy Limited (“Contact”) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Electricity Commission (“EC”) on its consultation on Transpower’s Wilton 110kV Interconnection Investment Proposal.

For any questions related to this submission, please contact:

Jan de Bruin
Senior Regulatory Affairs Analyst
Contact Energy Limited
Level 1, Harbour City Tower
29 Brandon Street
PO Box 10742
Wellington

Email: jan.debruin@contact-energy.co.nz

Phone: (04) 462 1143

Fax: (04) 499 4003

Response from Contact

Contact recognises that the Wilton 110kV interconnecting transformer capacity is insufficient to meet peak load on the Wellington 110kV network under n-1 conditions and is generally supportive of any initiative that will enhance the security of the supply of electricity to it.

Contact considers that Transpower's proposed option is appropriate. The Wilton 110kV interconnection investment will ensure the 110kV assets meet the Grid Reliability Standard ("GRS").