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Dear Madam

King Country Electric Power Trust Ownership Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspective on your current review related to the Review Shares. We understand that you are seeking the best long term outcome for the beneficiaries and we support you in pursuing that goal.

The advice from PWC has indicated that there are a number of options open to the Trust. While we respect that independent advice we have also been made aware of the views of Mr Brian Gurney, a past Trustee and chairman. We would like to offer our support to the views of Mr Gurney and in particular we encourage the Trustees to further investigate the potential to modify the Trust's status from being a consumer to a community trust. We believe that such a change to the status of the Trust would provide more flexibility in relation to the sale of the King Country Energy shares and the ability to reinvest. Such an approach would help reduce the risk which has become apparent in the current arrangement.

We have also engaged with the Turangi-Tongariro Residents and Ratepayers Association. We share their concern about the proposed restructuring of King Country Energy and believe that it has the potential to drain the Trust of valuable reserves and leave the Trust with assets which decline in value in the long term.

We appreciate the opportunity to voice our concerns and views and we look forward to presenting them at the public meeting on 21 March 2017.

Kind regards

Andy Hema
Chairman of the Turangi Tongariro Community Board

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