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Dear Nick

Thank you for your letter of 9 November together with your open letter on electricity distribution sector priorities.

We note in your letter that you would be interested in visiting networks and for our part we would be very pleased to host a visit to Marlborough by representatives of the Commission.

We believe all of the Company's Network assets are generally in a good state of repair as a consequence of undertaking prudent capital and maintenance expenditure over a period of many years.

Irrespective the remoteness of our Network, parts of which can only be reached by boat or helicopter present some interesting challenges for us particularly in relation to vegetation management which on a per consumer basis we understand to be the highest in New Zealand.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Ken Forrest  
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