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Transpower
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Upper South Island Upgrade: Major Capex Proposal short-list consultation

Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Transpower's Upper South Island upgrade proposals short-list. We believe that investing in grid upgrades to maximise the output of existing generation and promote the connection of new generation, electrification, or load, is the right move.

Meridian supports the preferred option identified by Transpower and has no specific comments on the analysis undertaken to arrive at the preferred option.

This submission is not confidential.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James France".

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