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Submission to: Review of Section 62 of the Electricity Act 1992
"Continuance of Supply"
(2013 Review)

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1. Introduction
- 1.1 What does Sect. 62 "Continuance of Supply" mean?

1. I submit that the Status Quo should remain.

My reasons are:-

- a. We contributed to the initial installation costs of many remote rural lines.
- b. We continue to contribute by providing access to privately maintained roading for the purpose of maintenance on lines traversing private land.
- c. The many pylons positioned on private rural land could be taken into the equation when calculating the urban subsidy to rural consumers.
- d. There is a national demand for continuous power supply to remote areas to promote economic growth in New Zealand through the contribution made by the primary production and tourist industries based in these areas.
Remote location tourism is a burgeoning industry in this country with many revered ecological and scenic tourist attractions being located in and serviced by business operations based in such areas.
Spin off from these remote rural industries should be taken into consideration when evaluating the urban/rural subsidy equation.



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Occupation: Primary Producer
Remote rural location

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