

Media Release

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Transpower feeder line maintenance to proceed

Local lines network company Top Energy has confirmed Transpower's plans to proceed with a maintenance outage on the 110kVa feeder line from Kaikohe to Kaitaia

The Transpower line feeds into Top Energy's local lines network, supplying 10,200 power consumers across the upper Far North region.

Over recent weeks, Top Energy has been in consultation with Federated Farmers to help Transpower plan the duration and timing for this outage, so as to minimise disruption for farmers and other commercial operators.

The actual work is now scheduled for Sunday 25 November 2007, with a planned outage of 9 hours, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The work to be carried out is scheduled maintenance. Actual reliability of the Transpower feeder line is high. Top Energy's outage statistics reveal that there have been only two significant outages relating to it since 2001. In 2002 planned maintenance cut power for 5 hours. Last year an explosion at 'Bellingham Quarry' brought down the line and cut supply for 7 hours and 40 minutes.

Top Energy will continue to work closely with Transpower as this work is carried out, to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum and that normal supply is safely and quickly restored.
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