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**Change 68: Application of Network Utility Rules****Decisions and Reasons****Final Decision 628.1**

C68.3650.1	Network Tasman Ltd	Disallow
C68.3650.2	Network Tasman Ltd	Disallow
C68.3650.3	Network Tasman Ltd	Disallow
C68.3650.4	Network Tasman Ltd	Disallow
C68.3650.5	Network Tasman Ltd	Disallow

**Plan Amendments****Topic : C68 GEN**

No Plan amendments beyond the original changes proposed are required as a result of this staff evaluation report.

**Other Action**

Changes that are outside of the scope of the plan change but should receive further consideration in future plan changes have been added to Council's database of potential Plan change items. These items are:

1. Add a definition of support structures relating to rule 16.6.2.1 to clarify that this specifically includes support structures for electricity conductors.
2. Add the word 'piped' in front of the current TRMP provision 16.6.2.1(i) which states 'Network utilities have a gauge pressure of less than 2,000 kilopascals'.
3. Clarify that power poles and support structures for electricity conductors are subject to rule 16.6.2.1(j).
4. Add Mixed Business zoning to rule 16.6.2.1(j)(ii).

**Reasons**

The primary reasons for the recommendations on the various submissions points are:

Many of the submission points were beyond the scope of the Plan Change and have not been able to be considered as part of this process. These have generally been added to Council's database of potential Plan change items for future consideration.

The requested change that is within scope is to clarify that support structures for electricity conductors are included within rule 16.6.2.1(j). This request is not recommended to be approved as creating a definition, or including specific wording for one type of network utility pole, gives rise to how to manage other network utility poles. The word 'pole' is already included within this network utility rule and therefore the additional explanation is considered unnecessary. To make a wider change that influences other network utility operators could give rise to unintended consequences and should more appropriately form part of a future Plan change process that addresses the network utility rules in a holistic manner. NB: Council is currently preparing a Plan change relating to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 (NPSET) and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 (NESETA).

It is, however, standard practice of TDC consent planners to apply this rule to support structures for electricity conductors. This practice achieves the outcome sought by the submitter that the changes to rule 16.6.2.1 are retained with the condition that it is explicit that power poles are subject to the rule.