

22 February 2019

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By Email

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Dear [Redacted]

OIA request - information on upcoming Pohokura gas pipeline maintenance

I refer to your email dated 23 January 2019 in which you requested all information the Authority holds about the upcoming maintenance of the Pohokura offshore gas pipeline.

We have assessed your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your request covers two documents:

- A table setting out the forecast daily capacity of Pohokura, issued in August 2018. An electricity industry participant provided this information to us because they were compelled to do so under section 46 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010. As it is important that participants continue to provide such information to the Authority, this document is withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.
- An extract from a newsletter to which the Authority subscribes. The extract is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, on the grounds that making the information available "would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied.... the information." That is, releasing the information would be to the commercial detriment of the newsletter's author, as it would be providing free access to the newsletter that normally needs to be paid for.

I have also considered whether there is any public interest in releasing the two documents which would outweigh the potential harm that could be caused. I have decided that there is not.

You are entitled to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision to withhold information. The address for contacting the Office of the Ombudsmen is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely


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