

05 May 2023

Direct Dial: 890 2923

To the Submitters,

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

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| Notice of Requirement | Counties Energy Glenbrook Beach Substation |
| Address | 13 Nola Avenue, Glenbrook |
| Requiring Authority | Counties Energy Limited |
| Proposed activity | to establish a new substation for Counties Energy at 13 Nola Avenue, Glenbrook |

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Richard Blakey (Chairperson), Helen Mellsop and Justine Bray** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 08 June 2023
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Main Hall,
Waiuku Community Hall
10 King Street, Waiuku, Auckland

NOTE: some venues have restricted access at the main entrance such as stairs. If you require assistance with alternate access, please inform the Hearings Advisor prior to the hearing day.

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction. In accordance with the Direction, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows:

| Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below) | |
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| Council S42a report available | Tuesday 16 May 2023, 5pm |
| Requiring Authority's evidence due | Tuesday 23 May 2023, midday |
| Submitters expert evidence due | Tuesday 30 May 2023, midday |
| Requiring Authority's supplementary evidence and legal submissions requested | Tuesday 06 June 2023, midday |
| Submitter's non-expert evidence requested | Tuesday 06 June 2023, midday |
| Appearance forms returned | Tuesday 30 May 2023, midday |

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/ or opposing the application. Attendance via MSTeams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor by 12 noon Tuesday 30 May 2023.

Please note the commissioners may carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to the application site and, if necessary, submitters' sites. During the site visit, the commissioners will not speak to any of the parties directly about the application's merits.

The officer's report and accompanying information will be made available within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable and this can be found:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** report will be available on the council website no later than 5pm on **Tuesday 16 May 2023**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Tuesday 23 May 2023**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts at least five working days before the hearing. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

To ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least 5 working days prior to the hearing, it is required by midday, **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.

The expert witness is required to provide:

- 1 hard copy of the evidence at the hearing
- 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick, each file should be less than 10Mb.

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing, are encouraged to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by midday, two working days prior to the hearing as well as bringing 1 copy to the hearing. This will allow for contactless exchange of evidence and enable parties, whether in attendance or participating virtually to view the material prior to the hearing. If you have not provided the statement in advance of the hearing, please bring 10 hard copies with you.

- (d) A short-written summary for briefs of evidence in excess of 10 pages is helpful. It is likely the commissioners will request that this at least is read at the hearing.
- (e) The council will make available all reports and evidence on its website within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable. The link to the website is:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

- (f) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.

- (g) If the hearing is held virtually, or you plan to attend virtually, please ensure your evidence is provided to the Hearings Advisor electronically before the hearing commences. The panel members will have already read your original submission and they will have that in front of them at the hearing.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, Attn: Yasmine Ali

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by **Tuesday 30 May 2023** if you would like to appear at the hearing, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time.

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is important to us. If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the hearing in-person.

For those participants who cannot attend in person or who wish to attend virtually, please let the Hearings Advisor know by Tuesday 30 May 2023 (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MSTeams link prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 890 2923 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Yasmine Ali
Kaitohutohu Whakawātanga
Hearings Advisor

