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# ELECTRICITY ASHBURTON LIMITED

INFORMATION FOR DISCLOSURE

PURSUANT TO THE ELECTRICITY (INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) REGULATIONS 1994

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24 July 1998

The Directors
Electricity Ashburton Limited
Private Bag 802
ASHBURTON 8300

## CERTIFICATION BY AUDITOR IN RELATION TO ODV VALUATION OF ELECTRICITY ASHBURTON LIMITED LINES BUSINESS

I have examined the valuation report prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers and dated 22 July 1998, which report contains valuations as at 31 March 1997.

I hereby confirm that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my knowledge, the valuations contained in the report have been made in accordance with the 28 May 1998 ODV Handbook.

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#### CERTIFICATION BY AUDITOR IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I have examined the attached financial statements prepared by Electricity Ashburton Limited and dated 10 August 1998 for the purposes of regulation 6 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994.

I hereby certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my knowledge, those financial statements give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994.

Audit New Zealand

On behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General

10 August 1998

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES BY AUDITORS**

I have examined the attached information, being -

- (a) Financial performance measures specified in clause 1 of Part II of the First Schedule to the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994; and
- (b) Financial components of the efficiency performance measures specified in clause 2 of Part II of that Schedule, -

and having been prepared by Electricity Ashburton Limited and dated 10 August 1998 for the purposes of regulation 13 of those regulations.

I certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my knowledge, that information has been prepared in accordance with the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994.

Audif New Zealand

On behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General

10 August 1998

## ELECTRICITY ASHBURTON LIMITED ELECTRICITY (INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) REGULATIONS 1994

#### **Statutory Base**

Electricity Ashburton Limited is a Co-operative company registered under the Co-operative Companies Act 1996.

These financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994 from the consolidated financial statements of parent company Electricity Ashburton Limited and the wholly owned subsidiary Ashburton Refrigeration (1997) Limited as at 31 March 1998.

## LINE AND ENERGY AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

#### Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on a modified historic cost basis have been followed.

#### **Accounting Policies Common To All Activities**

#### a) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land on the following basis and at the following rates which amortise the cost of the asset over their economic lives.

#### Fixed Assets:

**Buildings** 

- concrete

1% straight line

- brick

2% straight line

- wooden

2.5% straight line

Motor Vehicles

18% to 31.2 %

diminishing value

Plant & Equipment

10% to 60.0% diminishing value

Depreciation has been charged on a monthly basis on assets acquired and which became operational during the month.

#### b) Income Taxation

The income taxation expense charged against the operating surplus for the year is the estimated liability in respect of that operating surplus and is calculated after allowance for permanent differences. Deferred Taxation is calculated on the comprehensive basis using the liability method (see Note 3). Future tax benefits attributable to tax losses or timing differences are only realised when there is virtual certainty of realisation.

#### c) Valuation of Assets

Land is stated at cost, all other fixed assets (except distribution assets) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

All distribution system assets were revalued on an Optimised Deprival Value (ODV) basis by Coopers & Lybrand as at 1 April 1997.

#### d) Accounts Receivable

Receivables are shown at net realisable value. All known bad debts have been written off during the year and an estimate for doubtful debts has been made.

#### e) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost, determined on a weighted average cost basis, and net realisable value.

#### f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

These financial statements have been prepared exclusive of GST with the exception of debtors and creditors which are shown inclusive of GST.

#### g) Allocation Methodologies

Allocation of costs, revenues, assets and liabilities have been based on the following methods:-

#### **Direct Allocation**

All costs, revenues, assets and liabilities that are identifiable to the line business have been allocated. This allocation method is consistent with the Electricity Disclosure Guidelines.

#### Indirect Allocation

All costs, revenues, assets and liabilities that are not separately identifiable to the line business have been allocated on the following basis:-

#### % of Staff Employed.

- Components allocated on this basis are personnel costs.

#### % of Total Assets Employed

- Components allocated on this basis include indirect administration costs, assets and liabilities and corporate management costs.

#### % of Net Income Before Taxation

Components allocated on this basis are interest revenue, sundry revenue, and interest expense.

#### % of Gross Income

- Components allocated on this basis are bank charges.

#### % of Actual Resource Provided

- Components allocated on this basis include administration costs and information system resources.

These indirect allocation methods depart from the methodologies detailed in the Electricity Disclosure Guidelines.

#### LINE AND ENERGY AND OTHERS BUSINESSES ACTIVITIES

#### Accounting Policies Specific To The Line Business Activity

#### a) Revenue

Line revenue is recognised as actual amounts invoiced during the period. Capital contributions are recognised as revenue in the year of receipt.

#### b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided on the Distribution Network at 1.4% to 6.7% straight line which amortises the cost of the asset over its economic life.

#### c) Transmission Charges

Transmission charges are recognised as a direct cost to the line business activity.

#### Accounting Policies Specific To The Energy and Other Business Activities

#### a) Revenue

Electricity sales are recognised as actual amounts invoiced during the period together with an accrual for the estimated value of unread consumption.

#### b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land on the following basis and at the following rates which amortise the cost of the asset over their economic lives.

#### Generation Assets:

Dams, headworks,

roads etc

1.5% straight line

Generating plant and

equipment

**Buildings** 

1.5% straight line3% straight line

#### c) Investments

Investments are shown at cost plus accumulated interest.

#### d) Transmission Charges

Transmission charges are not recognised as a cost to the energy business activity.

#### e) Goodwill

Goodwill, representing the excess of the cost paid for Ashburton Refrigeration (1997) Limited over the fair value of net assets acquired, is shown as an intangible asset. Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis over the period of expected benefit. This period has been assessed as five years from the date of acquisition.

#### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

This is the first year that any assets have been recorded at valuation rather than cost. The effect of this change in accounting policies is to increase the fixed assets and shareholders reserves in the Line Business activity by \$25,863,345 after allowing for an increase in the deferred taxation liability of \$5,523,894 and increase the depreciation charge by \$544,481.

There have been no other material changes in accounting policies. All accounting policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in the previous year.

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Description   175,064   302,746   COPERATING SURPLUS before Taxation   3   011,866   224,231   Taxation   3   011,866   324,0756   Taxation   3   011,866   324,0756   Taxation   3   011,866   324,0756   Taxation   3   011,866   3   3   3   3   3   3   3   3   3	OPERATING SURPLUS before Rebate			
OPERATING SURPLUS before Taxation         3         250,426         464,900           OPERATING SURPLUS after Taxation         \$149,558         \$240,759           STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY           FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998         1998         1997           EQUITY AT THE START OF THE YEAR         912,682         671,923           Operating Surplus after taxation         148,556         240,758           COULTY AT THE END OF THE YEAR         912,682         240,758           EQUITY AT THE END OF THE YEAR         \$1,061,240         \$912,682           STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION           As AT 31 MARCH 1998         1997           Authorised Capital:           31,000,000         31,000		10		•
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Deferred Shares         9         5,558,330         5,558,330           Rebate Shares         241,670         241,670         241,670           Share Premium Reserve         775,813         775,813         775,813           Retained Earnings         1,061,240         912,682           TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY         \$7,637,053         \$7,488,495           REPRESENTED BY:           CURRENT ASSETS:           Bank and Short Term Deposits         2,425,468         2,331,131           Taxation Refund         0         7,845           Inventories         718,083         844,102           Accounts Receivable         5         3,244,223         2,457,416           Total Current Assets:         6,337,774         5,640,494           CURRENT LIABILITIES:         180,624         0           Provision for Taxation         180,624         0           Accounts Payable         6         3,404,326         2,160,643           Bank Loan         3,584,950         2,450,149           NET CURRENT ASSETS         2,802,824         3,190,345           NON CURRENT LIABILITIES:         2,802,824         3,190,345           NON CURRENT LIABILITIES:         2,606         6	•			
Rebate Shares         241,670         241,670         241,670         Share Premium Reserve         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         775,813         275,824         282	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9	5,55	8,330 5,558,330
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			120	218,145
For and on behalf of the Board	TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$7,637	7,053 \$7,488,495
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DATE 10 August 1998

CHAIRMAN

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

DIRECTOR

## ENERGY AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

Note 1 Revenue		
	1998 \$	199 <b>7</b> \$
Energy Sales	15,201,665	13,392,305
Appliance Sales, Servicing & Wholesale Trading	4,233,513	3,990,590
Sundry Income	208,410	98,274
Line Contracting	364,880	316,387
	20,008,468	\$17,797,556
Note 2 Operating Expenditure		
Directors Fees & Expenses	31,735	31,851
Shareholders Committee Fees & Expenses	12,444	8,000
Audit Fees -Annual	12,000	14,250
Audit Fees - Other	3,460	1,250
Interest Paid	0	21,887
Other	19,361,219	16,738,912
	\$19,420,858	\$16,816,150
Note 3 Taxation		
Taxation Reconciliation:		
Operating Surplus before Taxation	250,424	464,990
Prima Facie Taxation @ 33%	82,638	153,446
Plus Tax Effect of:-		
Permanent Differences	19,228	1,377
Prior Year Adjustment	0	69,408
Taxation Charge for Year	\$101,866	\$224,231

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Comprising:		
Current Taxation	183,766	153,380
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Deferred Taxation	(81,900)	70,851
	\$101,866	\$224,231
Imputation Credits:		
Opening Balance	608,679	493,135
Taxation Paid During the Year	52,432	115,544
Adjustment re: Shareholder Continuity	(230,517)	0
Closing Balance	\$430,594	\$608,679

#### Note 4 Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	1998 Book Value	1997 Book Value
Generation	4,829,212	1,721,960	3,107,252	3,209,992
Land &Buildings	949,382	106,800	842,582	685,832
Motor Vehicles	566,376	339,333	227,043	185,759
Plant & Equipment	1,135,884	752,543	383,341	208,246
Work in Progress	228,352	0	228,352	0
	\$7,709,206	\$2,920,636	\$4,788,570	\$4,289,829

#### Note 5 Accounts Receivable

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Trade Debtors	2,901,801	2,131,844
Prepayments	15,503	16,155
Accrued Income	326,919	309,417
	\$3,244,223	\$2,457,416

#### Note 6 Accounts Payable

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Trade Creditors	3,104,535	1,838,117
Accruals	13,095	57,717
Employee Provisions	286,696	264,809
	\$3,404,326	\$2,160,643

#### Note 7 Financial Commitments

Estimated capital expenditure contracted for at balance but not provided for Nil Nil

#### Note 8 Contingent Liabilities

With the establishment of the new wholesale electricity market operation on 1 October 1996, the prudential requirements of the market necessitated in the Company providing a third party guarantee to Electricity Market Company Limited (EMCO) based on the average monthly amount of electricity purchased during the different seasons. As at 25 September 1997 a standby letter of credit was provided by Westpac Banking Corporation amounting to \$2,557,725. The Company has provided full indemnity to Westpac Banking Corporation to the standby letter of credit (1997 \$1,157,725).

#### Note 9 Deferred Shares

These shares are owned by the Ashburton District Council and have no rights as to:

- a) Any distribution of dividends or rebates or
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#### Note 10 Customer Rebate

Calculations for the rebate paid to each customer were based on the individual customer group's contribution to the operating surplus and allocated according to the value of their electricity purchases for the financial year.

#### Note 11 Post Balance Date Events

(i) The Minister of Energy has announced the Government's intention to reform the Electricity Sector. The reforms include the separation of electricity generation and retail activities from distribution network activities.

Should the proposed reforms be realised, this will have a significant effect on Electricity Ashburton's business activities.

(ii) On 11 July Electricity Ashburton announced that effective from 1 August 1998 the company's Appliance Trading and Servicing activities will be sold. The financial effect of this event has not been recognised in the financial statements.

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ELECTRICITY ASHBURTON LIMITED - LINES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998		VITY	1998	4007
	Notes		\$	1997 \$
REVENUE	1		11,389,813	10,739,534
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	2		6,597,542	6,755,435
DEPRECIATION			2,887,728	1,613,772
OPERATING SURPLUS before Rebate			9,485,270	8,369,207
Customer Rebates	9		1,904,543	2,370,327
OPERATING SURPLUS before Taxation	9		783,612	1,085,343
Taxation	3		1,120,931 566,047	1,284,984 732,231
OPERATING SURPLUS after Taxation			\$554,884	\$552,753
				#502,705
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998			1998	1997
EQUITY AT THE START OF THE VEAR			\$	\$
EQUITY AT THE START OF THE YEAR			2,694,808	2,142,055
Operating Surplus after Taxation  Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses for the	Period		554,884	552,753
EQUITY AT THE END OF THE YEAR	i chou		554,884	552,753
END OF THE TEAR			\$3,249,692 	\$2,694,808
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				
AS AT 31 MARCH 1998			1998	1997
	Notes		\$	\$
EQUITY:				
Authorised Capital:				
31,000,000 shares of \$1			31,000,000	31,000,000
Issued Capital :			<del></del>	
24,200,000 shares of \$1 fully paid Deferred Shares	_			
Rebate Shares	8		23,191,670	23,191,670
Share Premium Reserve			1,008,330	1,008,330
Revaluation Reserve			1,756,173 25,863,345	1,756,173 0
Retained Earnings			3,249,692	2,694,808
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			\$55,069,210	\$28,650,981
REPRESENTED BY :				
CURRENT ASSETS :				
Bank and Short Term Deposits			(4 422 504)	(4 677 790)
Inventories			(1,423,501) 857,797	(1,677,780) 1,150,397
Taxation Refund			007,737	25,618
Accounts Receivable	5		950,341	986,544
Total Current Assets:			384,637	484,779
CURRENT LIABILITIES :				
Provision for Taxation			35,680	0
Accounts Payable	6		1,075,048	1,069,772
Bank Loan			1,000,000	210,494
Total Current Liabilities			2,110,728	1,280,266
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(1,726,091)	(795,487)
NON CURRENT ASSETS :			, , ,	, , ,
Investments			0	0
Fixed Assets	4		63,994,837	30,909,209
Total Non Current Assets			63,994,837	30,909,209
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES :				•
Deferred Taxation			7,199,536	1,462,741
TOTAL NET ASSETS			\$55,069,210	\$28,650,981
For and on behalf of the Board				
CHAIRMAN Edu flus.	DIRECTOR	STA		
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DATE 10 August 1998

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## LINE BUSINESS ACTIVITY - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

Note 1 Revenue	1998 \$	1997 \$
Line Services	7,703,928	7,138,664
Transmission	3,005,611	2,598,580
Line Contracting	455,114	585,340
Sundry Income	0	43,153
Capital Contributions	225,160	373,797
	\$11,389,813	\$10,739,534
Note 2 Operating Expenditure		
Transmission Charges	2,922,069	2,510,437
Directors Fees & Exps	63,470	63,702
Shareholders Committee Fees & Exps	24,888	16,000
Audit Fees - Annual	12,000	14,250
Audit Fees - Other	2,200	1,250
Interest Paid	118,456	63,709
Other	3,454,459	4,086,087
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$6,597,542	\$6,755,435
Note 3 Taxation  Taxation Reconciliation:		
Operating Surplus before Taxation	1,120,931	1,284,984
Prima Facie Taxation @ 33%	369,909	424,045
Plus Tax Effect of:-		
Permanent Differences	240,662	44,785
Prior Year Adjustment	(44,524)	263,401
Taxation Charge for Year	\$566,047	\$732,231

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Comprising:		
Current Taxation	353,146	162,403
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Deferred Taxation	212,901	569,828
	\$566,047	\$732,231

While the Deferred Tax effect of the revaluation of the distribution asset totalling \$5,523,894 has been recognised at the date of the revaluations, additional deferred tax of \$579,241, which would arise if the distribution asset was sold at balance date, has not been recognised.

#### Imputation Credits:

Opening Balance	1,832,540	1,495,032
Taxation Paid During the Year	234,706	337,508
Adjustment re: Shareholder Continuity	(883,093)	0
Closing Balance	\$1,184,153	\$1,832,540

#### Note 4 Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	1998 Book Value	1997 Book Value
Distribution Network	62,809,741	2,299,756	60,509,985	27,664,760
Land & Buildings	1,695,136	192,038	1,503,098	1,361,147
Motor Vehicles	2,951,487	1,770,300	1,181,187	965,417
Plant & Equipment	2,369,930	1,569,363	800,567	917,885
	\$69,826,294	\$5,831,457	\$63,994,837	\$30,909,209

#### Note 5 Accounts Receivable

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Trade Debtors	751,794	749,487
Prepayments	12,471	12,996
Accrued Income	186,076	224,061
	\$950,341	\$986,544
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Note 6	Accounts	Pavable
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	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Trade Creditors	701,224	758,193
Employee Provisions	373,824	311,579
	\$1,075,048	\$1,069,772

#### Note 7 Financial Commitments

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\$206,714

\$438,529

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DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL AND EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS 13, 14, 15 AND 16 OF THE ELECTRICITY (INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) REGULATIONS 1994.

#### Regulation 13

#### 1. Financial Performance Measures

(Calculations INCLUDE the effects of the customer rebate for 1998, 1997 and 1996)

		1998	1997	1996	1995
(a)	Accounting return on total assets:	2.7%	0.2%	0.1%	2.0%
(b)	Accounting return on equity:	1.3%	(1.5%)	(1.2%)	0.8%
(c)	Accounting rate of profit: (includes revaluation)	33.5%	(0.5%)	(1.1%)	1.3%

#### **Pre Rebate Comparisons**

In order to provide a consistent comparison with the sector, the performance measures above are restated below after adding back the impact of the customer rebates.

(a)	A consisting making on	1998	1997	1996	1995
(a)	Accounting return on total assets:	4.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.0%
(b)	Accounting return on equity:	2.9%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%
(c)	Accounting rate of profit: (includes revaluation)	35.3%	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%

#### **ODV** Revaluation

A comparison of the Accounting Rate of Profit performance measure for 1998 without the effects of the Optimised Deprival Valuation adjustment is 2.2% with rebate included and 3.8% excluded.

#### 2. Efficiency performance measures

(a) Direct line costs per kilometre:

\$1,241/km \$1,476/km \$1,204/km \$1,247/km

(b) Indirect line costs per electricity customer:

\$48 /customer \$43 /customer \$33 /customer \$32 /customer

#### Regulation 14

1. ODV Valuation
Date 1/4/97

\$58.3M

#### Regulation 15

#### 1. Energy Delivery Efficiency Performance Measures

(a)	Load Factor	56.8%	54.9%	53.0%	58.9%
(b)	Loss Ratio	7.3%	7.1%	6.9%	6.8%
(c)	Capacity Utilisation	28.8%	26.6%	26.3%	25.2%

2. Statisti	ics

2.	Statistics		1998	1997	1996	1995
(a) :	System lengths (kms)	- 33kV - 22kV - 11kV - 400V	297 79 1,748 217	288 32 1,776 213	269 - 1,783 206	251 1,770 203
			2,341	2,309	2,258	2,224
(b)	Circuit length (overhead) (kms)	- 33kV - 22kV - 11kV - 400V	294 79 1,688 121	285 32 1,718 122	266 1,733 120	248 - 1,723 120
(c)	Circuit length (underground) (kms)		2,182	2,157	2,119	2,091
		- 33kV - 22kV - 11kV - 400V	3 0 60 96  159	3 0 58 91  152	3 50 86 	3 47 83 ———————————————————————————————————
(d)	Transformer capacity	(kVA)	221,503	213,027	206,352	194,569
(e)	Maximum demand	(kW)	63,719	56,628	54,179	49,047
(f)	Total electricity supp	lied (kWh)	294,018,313	252,958,669	234,757,621	235,757,754
(g)	Total electricity conv behalf of other person		0	0	0	0
(h)	Average number of o	customers	13,365	13,164	12,997	12,915
Reg	ulation 16					
3. (a)		nce measures ruptions, together with a ral according to interruption	n class.			
	Class A Class B Class C Class D Class E Class F Class G		173 202 - - - - - 375	*170 *234 2 - - - *406	- 229 258 - - - - - 487	217 225 4 - - - 446
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		1998	1997	1996	1995
(b)	Total number of faults per 100 circuit kilometres prescribed voltage electric lines				
	33kV	2.36	*3.82	1.49	2.39
	22 kV	6.33	*6.25	-	
	11 kV	10.35	*11.54	14.25	12.37
	Total	9.09	*10.40	12.57	11.13
(c)	Total number of faults per 100 circuit kilometres of underground prescribed voltage electric lines				
	33 kV	-	-	-	-
	22 kV	2 22	2.45	4.00	-
	11 kV	3.33	3.45	4.00	2.14
	Total	3.17	3.28	3.77	2.00
(d)	Total number of faults per 100 circuit kilometres of overhead prescribed voltage electric lines				
	33 kV	2.38	*3.86	1.50	2.42
	22 kV	6.33	*6.25	-	-
	11 kV	10.60	*11.82	14.54	12.65
	Total	9.27	*10.61	12.81	11.36
(e)	The SAIDI for total of interruptions	180.46	*355.61	215.88	249.11
(f)	The SAIDI for total of interruptions within each interruption class				
	Class A	-	<u>-</u>		-
	Class B	60.04	*97.33 *1.60.70	102.28	58.22
	Class C Class D	120.42	*160.70 97.58	113.61 0	126.65 64.24
	Class E	- -	<i>71.3</i> 8	-	-
	Class F	-	-	-	•
	Class G	•	-	-	-
(g)	The SAIFI for total of interruptions	1.66	*3.11	1.82	2.21
(h)	The SAIFI for total of interruptions within each interruption class				
	Class A	-	-	-	-
	Class B	0.24	*0.35	0.44	0.29
	Class C	1.41	*2.39 0.36	1.38	1.09 0.83
	Class D Class E	-	0.50	-	0.65
	Class F	_	-	_	-
	Class G	-	-	-	-
(i)	The CAIDI for total of interruptions	108.95	*114.50	118.44	112.72
(j)	The CAIDI for total of interruptions within each interruption class				
	Class A	-	-	-	-
	Class B	245.63	*278.35	232.59	200.76
	Class C	85.29	*67.13	82.14	116.19
	Class D Class E	• •	269.52	-	77.40 -
	Class F	-	-	-	-
	Class G	-	•	-	-
*	Denotes a corrected comparative figure				

### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND STATISTICS PURSUANT TO REGULATION 26 (2) OF THE ELECTRICITY (INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) REGULATIONS 1994

We, Edwin Glass and Donald George Church, directors of Electricity Ashburton Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge,

- (a) The attached audited financial statements of Electricity Ashburton Ltd, prepared for the purposes of Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994, give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related and comply with the requirements of those regulations; and
- (b) The attached information, being financial performance measures, efficiency performance measures, energy delivery efficiency performance measures, statistics, and reliability performance measures in relation to Electricity Ashburton Limited, and having been prepared for the purposes of regulations 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994, comply with the requirements of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1994.

The valuations on which those financial performance measures are based are as at 1 April 1997 adjusted for depreciation.

E Glass

D G Church

