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## TOP ENERGY LIMITED

## INFORMATION FOR DISCLOSURE

PURSUANT TO THE ELECTRICITY (INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) REGULATIONS 1999

### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STATISTICS DISCLOSED BY LINE OWNERS OTHER THAN TRANSPOWER

We, Jack Poutsma and Victor Green, directors of Top Energy Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiries, to the best of our knowledge:

- a. The attached audited financial statements of Top Energy Limited prepared for the purposes of regulation 6 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999, comply with the requirements of those regulations; and
- b. The attached information, being the derivation table, financial performance measures, efficiency performance measures, energy delivery efficiency performance measures, statistics and reliability performance measures in relation to Top Energy Limited, and having been prepared for the purposes of regulations 15, 16, 21 and 22 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999, comply with the requirements of those regulations.

The valuations of which those financial performance measures are based are as at 31 March 1999.

Green

J P Poutsma

Date: <u>27/8/99</u>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Information disclosed in this 1999 Information Disclosure package issued by Top Energy Limited has been prepared solely for the purposes of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

The regulations require the information to be disclosed in the manner it is presented.

The information should not be used for any other purpose than that intended under the regulations.

The information contained in this package may change at any time. Pricing and terms are as at the date of disclosure indicated and are not a quote or estimate of rates or terms that will apply in the future.

## SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

		1	JSINESS
	Notes	1999	1998
Income - continuing activities	1	13,638,706	15,405,883
Less expenses, excluding finance costs	2	10,899,187	11,817,872
Profit before finance, abnormals and taxation		2,739,519	3,588,011
Less net finance costs	3	1,046,680	(23,677)
Profit before taxation		1,692,839	3,611,688
Less taxation	4	287,147	688,261
Profit after taxation		1,405,692	2,923,427

### SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

		LINE BU	SINESS
	Notes	\$	
		1999	1998
EQUITY AS AT 1 APRIL 1997		50,267,086	47,386,139
Profit after taxation		1,405,692	2,923,427
Plus revaluation of distribution asset		20,945,658	-
Total recognised revenue and expenses for the year		22,351,350	2,923,427
Less dividends	5	45,000	42,480
EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 1998		72,573,436	50,267,086
Represented by:			
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Opening balance		13,685,386	10,952,578
Profit after taxation		1,405,692	2,923,427
Dividend paid	5	(45,000)	(42,480)
Transfer to capital contribution reserve		(209,839)	(148,139)
		14,836,239	13,685,386
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE	Policy 2		
Opening balance		860,196	712,057
Transferred from retained earnings		209,839	148,139
		1,070,035	860,196
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	Policy 6		
Revaluation of distribution infrastructure asset		12,503,524	12,503,524
Revaluation of Distribution asset		20,945,658	
		33,449,182	12,503,524
PAID IN CAPITAL	6	23,217,980	23,217,980
		72,573,436	50,267,086

## SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 1999

	Notes	LINE BI	
		1999	1998
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		72,573,436	50,267,086
Represented by:			
TERM LIABILITIES	8	8,390,000	496,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank balances	11	46,833	87,811
Creditors and accruals	9	2,584,708	1,551,432
Term Liabilities within 12 months	8	2,310,000	16,089,000
Taxation payable		(83,015)	79,825
		4,858,526	17,808,068
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		85,821,962	68,571,154
FIXED ASSETS	10	71,816,676	50,867,330
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and bank balances	11	283,119	336
Interbusiness current account	12	11,980,843	15,731,051
Accounts receivable	13	1,741,324	1,972,437
		14,005,286	17,703,824
TOTAL ASSETS		85,821,962	68,571,154
		72,573,436	50,267,086

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## **TOP ENERGY LIMITED**

## SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

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Net cash from operating activities 3,003,64	5
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CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	I
Cash was provided from:	
Sale of fixed assets 231,74	
Other businesses 5,250,62	6
Cash was applied to:	
Purchase and construction of fixed assets 2,232,26	
Net cash used in investing activities 3,250,11	2
CASHFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Cash was provided from:	
Proceeds of Term Loan	
Cash was applied to:	
Dividends paid 45,00	0
Repayment of loans 5,885,00	0
Net cash from financing activities (5,930,00	0)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD 323,76	1
OPENING CASH (87,47	5)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	
CLOSING CASH Note 11 236,28	

## SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

		LINE BUSINESS
		1999
CASH COMPRISES	Note 11	\$
Cash on hand		
BNZ current account		(46,833)
BNZ US \$ account		(
Short term deposits		283,119
		236,286
RECONCILIATION OF NET PROFIT AFTER		
TAXATION TO CASHFLOW FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Reported Net Profit after Taxation		1,405,692
Add/(Less) items classified as investing		, ,
or financing activities		
Net loss/(profit) on disposal of assets		(34,789)
Add/(Less) other non-cash items:		
Change in provisions for leave etc		
Depreciation		356,484
Network maintenance deferred/(recovery)		174,713
	ŀ	531,197
Add/(Less) movement in other		551,157
working capital items		
Increase/(decrease) in tax payable		(162,840)
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable		231,113
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable		1,033,276
	F	1,101,549
NET CASHFLOWS FROM		-,,-
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	F	3,003,649

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are those of the Line business of Top Energy Limited. Top Energy Limited is owned 100% by the Bay of Islands Electric Power Trust and these organisations are in a "Prescribed Business Relationship" as defined by Regulation 3(1)(a)(ii) of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

The period reported is 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Regulations 6(2) and 6(3) of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999. The financial statements have not been prepared for the purpose of the Financial Reporting Act 1993, or the Energy Companies Act 1992.

#### **GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historic cost method, as modified by revaluation of the distribution system, have been followed in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### Methodology of Separation of Business

Top Energy Limited has followed the Electricity Information Disclosure Handbooks dated March 1999, as issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

#### PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following particular accounting policies, which significantly affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position, have been applied.

#### 1 Sales

Sales shown in the Statement of Financial Performance comprise the amounts received and receivable by the Company for electricity distribution services supplied to customers in the ordinary course of business. Sales are stated exclusive of Goods and Services Tax collected from customers.

#### 2 Capital Contributions

Funds received from customers, as a contribution towards the cost of uneconomic supply facilities, are recognised in the statement of financial performance as soon as any obligations attaching to the contributions have been met.

Where within 10 years of receipt a customer's circumstances change such that a part or all of the contribution is refunded then a separately established reserve has been set up for this purpose.

### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 3 Taxation

The taxation charged against the profit for the year is the estimated liability in respect of that profit after allowance for permanent differences and timing differences not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. This is the partial basis for the calculation of deferred taxation.

The Company follows the liability method of accounting for deferred taxation. Future taxation benefits attributable to timing differences or to losses carried forward are recognised in the financial statements only where there is virtual certainty that the benefit of the losses will be utilised by the Company.

#### 4 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivables are stated at estimated realisable value after providing against debts where collection is doubtful.

#### 5 Inventories

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is principally determined on a weighted average cost basis and, in the case of manufactured goods, includes direct materials, labour and production overheads.

#### 6 Fixed Assets

Fixed assets held by the former Bay of Islands Electric Power Board were vested in the Company, Top Energy Ltd, on 1 May 1993 under the Energy Companies Act 1992. Fixed assets were vested at book value as at 1 May 1993, and represent "cost" to the Company.

The cost of fixed assets purchased after 1 May 1993 is the value of the consideration given to acquire the assets and the value of other directly attributable costs which have been incurred in bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for their intended service.

The infrastructural asset is valued at a business valuation at 31 March 1999, which the Directors consider to be a fair value.

The infrastructural asset is revalued on a three-year cyclical basis by independent registered valuers. The business valuation is based on the expected future revenue earning potential of the business. Additions to the infrastructure are incorporated at cost in the intervening time between revaluations.

Capital work-in-progress includes materials, and a portion of direct labour and production overhead appropriate to the stage of completion attained.

Land and Buildings relating to substations are "owned" by the lines business.

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 7 Renewal Accounting - Distribution Network

Assets comprising the distribution network system are reported using the renewal accounting method and are stated at valuation. These infrastructural assets include all items directly involved in the delivery of electricity, but exclude substation land, buildings, transformers, circuit breakers and load management control equipment. All expenditure that extends or enhances the infrastructure is capitalised. Expenditure incurred in maintaining the infrastructure's capacity is treated as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. The actual amount expended is compared with a predetermined benchmark level and any shortfall or excess is adjusted through the Statement of Financial Performance. Similarly the value of the infrastructure asset is increased or decreased by the same amount.

#### 8 Depreciation

Land, infrastructure distribution system and work-in-progress assets are not depreciated. As noted below, other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line (Cost) or diminishing value (DV) basis that has regard to their historical cost, estimated useful life and expected residual value:

Non-infrastructure Distribution Assets	2.50%	SL
Buildings	2.00%	SL
Office Equipment, Plant and Furniture	10.00%	SL
Information systems assets	10.00-20.00%	SL
Chainsaws	33.33%	SL
Computer Software	33.33%	SL
Motor Vehicles	20.00%	DV

#### 9 Statement of Cash Flows

The following is the definition of terms used in the Statement of Cash Flows:

"Cash" means coins and notes, demand deposits and other highly liquid investments in which the Company has invested as part of its day-to-day cash management. Cash includes liabilities which are the negative form of the above, such as the bank overdraft. Cash does not include accounts receivable or payable, or any borrowing subject to a term facility.

"Investing activities" are those activities relating to the acquisition, holding and disposal of fixed assets and of investments. Investments can include securities not falling within the definition of cash.

"Financing activities" are those activities which result in changes in the size and capital structure of the Company. This includes both equity and debt not falling within the definition of cash. Dividends paid in relation to the capital structure are included in financing activities.

"Operating activities" include all transactions and other events that are not investing or financing activities and includes interest and dividends received in relation to investments.

#### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 10 Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position except for off balance sheet instruments such as guarantees.

Financial instruments including cash, bank, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and term debt are generally carried at their estimated fair value.

Top Energy Ltd has entered into various financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk for the primary purpose of reducing its exposure to interest. While these financial instruments are subject to risk that market rates may change subsequent to acquisition, such changes would generally be offset by opposite effects on the items being hedged.

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

There were no material changes in accounting policy, with the exception of those mandatory provisions of the Electricity Regulations 1999. In accordance with the Handbook no comparatives have been shown for items required to be disclosed for the first time this year.

Other assets

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

		LINE BU	JSINESS
		1999	1998
1	INCOME		
	Electricity Line revenue	12,835,182	15,179,808
	Other sales revenue	-	40,882
		10.025.100	15 220 600
	Total sales revenue	12,835,182	15,220,690
	AC loss rental rebate	519,343	10.070
	Other income	204 101	10,079
	Capital contributions	284,181	175,114
	Total income	13,638,706	15,405,883
2	NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		
	The net profit before taxation is stated after charging:		
	,		
	Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	(34,789)	2,062
	Depreciation	356,484	419,528
	Auditors - audit services	14,988	14,813
	- other services	8,802	4,425
	Directors' fees	98,875	40,920
	Infrastructural maintenance - adjustment	174,713	(33,863)
	Transmission charges	4,457,071	
	Avoided transmission to embedded generator	423,000	
	Asset maintenance service	3,402,408	
	Employee salaries	1,377,806	
	Customer Billing & Information systems	113,928	
	Corporate & administration	343,348	
	Human resource expenses	82,129	
	Marketing/advertising	129,449	
	Consultancy & legal expenses	152,938	-
	Merger & acquisition expenses	-	-
	Takeover & defence expenses	-	-
	Research & development expenses	-	-
	Amortised goodwill		
	Subvention payments	-	-
	Provision of Meter data, Consumer based load control & dis-		
	connection/reconnection cost	-	
Asse	t maintenance & Avoided transmission costs are wholly performed by Rel	ated parties (see ]	Note 14)
	Total Depreciation charge analysis:		
	System fixed assets	228,528	
	Capital works under construction	-	
		107.057	

127,956 356,484

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

	LINE BU	SINESS
	\$	1998
3 NET FINANCE COSTS		
Comprise:		
Interest - term debt	1,046,898	978,891
Interest - other	11,006	7,370
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Gross finance costs	1,057,904	986,261
Less - investment income		(1,009,938)
Less - interst on short term deposits	(5,099)	
Less - interest from IRD	(6,125)	-
Net finance costs	1,046,680	(23,677)
4 TAXATION		
The taxation provision has been calculated as follows:		
Profit for the period	1,692,839	3,611,688
Taxation for the period at 33%	558,637	1,191,857
Plus/(Less) tax effect of:		
Non deductible items	16,705	95,261
Prior year adjustment	-	(256,733)
Unrecognised timing differences	(288,195)	(342,124)
	287,147	688,261
The taxation charge is represented by:		
Prior year adjustment	_	(256,733)
Taxation payable in respect of the current period	287,147	944,994
Deferred taxation	-	-
	287,147	688,261

The Company has not recognised a deferred tax liability of \$2,222,705 (1998:\$1,240,328) on timing differences of \$6,735,469 (1998:\$3,758,570), as these are not expected to reverse in the forseeable future.

5 DIVIDENDS	<b></b>	
Ordinary dividend paid (.0018 cents per share) Ordinary dividend recommended	45,000	42,480
Total dividends paid or provided	45,000	42,480

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

				LINE BU \$	SINESS
	Interest			1999	1998
TERM LIABILITIES	Rate %	Repayable	Fair Value		
Facility Ag. 15.03.1999	4.647	14.4.1999	471,366	471,366	
Facility Ag. 15.03.1999	4.845	14.6.1999	471,366	471,366	
Facility Ag. 15.03.1999	4.958	15.9.1999	471,366	471,366	
Facility Ag. 26.03.1999	*5.455	27.3.2000	896,056	895,595	
Facility Ag. 25.09.1998	*7.155	25.9.2000	2,408,281	2,356,828	
Renewal Loan 34	16.000	1.10.2000	432,868	377,093	496,00
Facility Ag. 07.08.1998	*7.695	7.8.2001	4,865,400	4,713,656	
Facility Ag. 04.11.1998	*6.775	4.11.2002	953,845	942,730	
BNZ loans					16,089,00
	\			10,700,000	16,585,00
Less current portion				2,310,000	16,089,00
Term liabilities			-	8,390,000	496,00
Repayable as follows:			F		
Due after 1 but before 2 y	ears			2,733,820	-
Due after 2 but before 5 y				5,656,180	496,00
-			ŀ	8,390,000	496,00

\* Effective interest rate under interest rate swap agreements

The Company repurchased term liabilities of \$3,600,000 (1998: \$3,600,000) at 31 March 1995 and the resulting financial asset has been offset against the relevant financial liability in these accounts. No risk attaches to this repurchase. During the period and in the future, interest received from the investment will be deducted from the interest paid on the liability when disclosed by way of note in the financial statements, until such time as the loan is fully cancelled.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

			LINE BU	SINESS
9 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS		L	\$	
			1999	1998
Trade Creditors		Γ	644,194	932,353
Provision for retirement payments			21,592	22,223
Provision for holiday pay			90,101	114,956
Accrued payroll			17,054	
Other Accruals			1,811,767	481,900
Dividend provision			-	-
		Γ	2,584,708	1,551,432
10 FIXED ASSETS			Net Bool	(Value
	Cost or	Accumulated		
	Valuation	Depreciation	1999	1998
Land & Buildings	402,335	(26,261)	376,074	415,611
Distribution system at valuation			-	
Infrastructure	60,428,000	-	60,428,000	41,158,681
Non infrastructure	10,035,320	-	10,035,320	7,747,504
Centralised load control equipment	120,120		120,120	
Office equipment & furniture	67,442	(25,014)	42,428	543,422
Information system & billing assets	718,310	(446,769)	271,541	
Vehicles	-	-	-	66,682
Capital work in progress	543,193	-	543,193	935,430
Total fixed assets	72,314,720	(498,044)	71,816,676	50,867,330

i) There is no Goodwill or other intangible fixed asset in Line business Fixed assets.

ii) Capital work in progress comprises:	
Subtransmission assets	-
Zone substations	-
Distribution lines & cables	405,947
Medium voltage switchgear	-
Distribution transformers	-
Distribution substations	-
Low voltage lines & cables	137,246
Total capital work in progress	543,193

iii) The latest Government Valuations by Quotable Value New Zealand of land and improvements are:

	Land	Improvements	Total
1 September 1998	295,000	305,500	600,500

The Directors have had an independent valuation at March 1999 which places a market value on the Land & buildings of \$625,000.

 iv) The Distribution system is revalued by independent registered valuers, Ernst & Young. The valuation is at 31 March 1999 and the report is dated 21 June 1999. The valuation is a Business valuation and is equal to Optimised Deprival Value also prepared by the valuers

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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	LINE BUS	SINESS
	i \$	
	1999	1998
11 CASH AND BANK BALANCES CURRENT ASSETS		
Comprise		
Cash on hand	300	336
BNZ current account	282,819	-
	283,119	336
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
BNZ current account	(46,833)	(87,811)
Net cash & Bank position	236,286	(87,475)
12 INTERBUSINESS CURRENT ACCOUNT Represents notional net funds advanced from the Lines business to 'Other businesses'. These amounts would be repaid if the Other business were sold, or forgiven if the Other business were transferred to a Mirror trust.	11,980,843	15,731,051
13 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE Comprise:		
Trade debtors	1,623,110	1,215,570
Accruals and prepayments	118,214	756,867
	1,741,324	1,972,437

#### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no material related party transactions requiring disclosure in accordance with SSAP 22 "Related Party Disclosures", apart from the following:

#### i. Bay of Islands Electric Power Trust:

Top Energy Ltd is wholly owned by Bay of Islands Electric Power Trust. For the period ended 31 March 1999, Top Energy Ltd paid \$45,000 (31 March 1998: \$45,000) in the form of a dividend to the above Trust. This payment is reflected in the Statement of Financial Performance of Top Energy Ltd.

During the period Top Energy processed transactions on an agency basis on behalf of the Trust in order to settle routine business dealings. As at 31 March 1999, a balance of \$12,810 (31March 1998 : \$2,503) owing by the Trust to the Company has been included in accounts receivable in the statement of financial position. All transactions with the Trust were made on normal business terms.

#### ii. Transfer Payments between Line & 'Other' business:

The following related party transactions occurred in the year between the Line & Other businesses.

	NOTE	(Income)/
		cost)
Transfer Payment Revenue to Line:		
Line revenue invoiced to final consumer	a	(8,331,365)
Line revenue invoiced to retailer	b	(4,503,817)
Line revenue for goods & services provided to 'other'.		nil
Transfer Payment Cost to Line:		
Asset maintenance services	С	3,402,408
Avoided transmission charges	đ	423,000
Property rental	e	38,004
Payment for meter data		nil
Consumer based load control		nil
Disconnection/reconnection services		nil
Asset construction	f	
Subtransmission assets		54,046
Zone substations		-
Distribution lines & cable		1,214,970
Medium voltage switchgear		-
Distribution transformers		-
Distribution substations		-
Low voltage lines & cables		1,067,116
Other system fixed assets		-

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### **TOP ENERGY LIMITED**

#### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- a. Line revenue for line access/charges invoiced to the final consumer was based on published tariff rates. The tariff comprises a fixed network charge and, a variable charge in respect of the volume of units distributed. The revenue was provided from 1 April 1998 to 15 December 1998, the later being the date of sale of Top Energy's retail business. There is no outstanding balance at 31 March 1999.
- b. Line revenue for line access/charges invoiced to retailers was based on published tariff rates. The tariff comprises a fixed network charge and, a variable charge in respect of the volume of units distributed. This revenue was provided throughout the year. At 31 March 1999 an amount of \$1,623,110 was outstanding.
- c. Asset maintenance services are provided by the Contracting Division in respect of the System fixed asset. Services are provided as contracted by the Line business and are charged on a full cost recovery basis. Services were provided throughout the year. There is no outstanding balance at 31 March 1999.
- d. Avoided Transmission charges are paid in respect of embedded generation provided by Ngawha Construction Limited (NCL). Charges are based on the Transpower market rate. The service was provided from 1 July 1998 to 31 March 1999. There is an outstanding balance at 31 March 1999 of \$475,875 which is represented by Intercompany debt from NCL to Top Energy.
- e. Property facilities are provided to the Line business by the Property Division. Rentals are at market rates for the specific sites. Services were provided throughout the year. There is no outstanding balance at 31 March 1999.
- f. Asset construction services are provided by the Contracting Division in respect of the System fixed asset. Services are provided as contracted by the Line business and are charged on a full cost recovery basis. Services were provided throughout the year. There is no outstanding balance at 31 March 1999.

#### 15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### a. Currency and Interest Rate Risk

Nature of activities and management policies with respect to financial instruments:

i. Currency

The Group has undertaken foreign currency transactions from time to time in connection with its activities. To manage the foreign currency risk the Group has used forward exchange contracts. There are no contracts in place at 31 March 1999.

### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### ii. Interest Rate

The Company has a \$30m revolving Facility Agreement with the Bank of New Zealand. This allows borrowings to be made over variable periods. At balance date \$22.7m was advanced and these advances will be renewed to coincide with funding requirements. The expected repayment dates are as disclosed in Note 8.

The notional principal or contract amounts of interest rate contracts outstanding at 31 March 1999 for the Group & Company are \$18.9m (1998: \$14.1m). The effective interest rates are disclosed in Note 8.

The Company has not entered into forward agreements or futures transactions.

#### b. Concentration of Credit Risk

In the normal course of its business, the Company incurs credit risk from trade debtors and transactions with financial institutions.

The Company has a credit policy which is used to manage its exposure to credit risk. As part of this policy, limits on exposures with counterparties have been set and approved by the Board of Directors and are monitored on a regular basis.

The Company does not have any significant concentrations of credit risk. The Company does not require any collateral or security to support financial instruments as it only deposits with, or lends to, banks and other financial institutions of recognised quality. The Company does not expect the non-performance of any material obligations at balance date.

#### c. Fair Values

The following methods were used to estimate the fair values of these classes of financial instruments:

i. Cash and liquid deposits, debtors and other accounts receivable including sundry debtors, creditors and other accounts payable including sundry creditors, loans payable within twelve months.

The carrying value of these items is equivalent to their fair value.

ii. Investments

The investment of the Company is for shares in unlisted Companies. They are recorded at cost.

iii. Term Liabilities – see Note 8.

#### NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 16 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group operates primarily in one industry: the electricity generation and conveyance industry, and in one geographic location: Northland, New Zealand.

#### 17 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

Top Energy Ltd has material commitments for capital expenditure at 31 March 1999 of \$37,749 (31 March 1998: \$160,294).

#### 18 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has contingent liabilities, not exceeding \$2.75 million at 31 March 1999, for refundable capital contributions. (As at 31 March 1998, the same contingent liabilities applied).

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## **REPORT OF THE AUDIT OFFICE**

## TO THE READERS OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TOP ENERGY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

We have audited the accompanying Special Purpose financial statements of Top Energy Limited. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of Top Energy Limited and its financial position as at 31 March 1999. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out in pages 7 to 10.

## **Directors' Responsibilities**

The Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999 require the Directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of Top Energy Limited as at 31 March 1999, and result of the operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

## Auditor's Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Directors and report our opinion to you.

## **Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates an judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Top Energy Limited's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. We obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also

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evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor acting on behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General, we have no relationship or interests in Top Energy Limited except that we have audited the financial statements prepared under the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

#### Fundamental Uncertainty

In forming our qualified opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial report concerning the collectibliby of the Inter-business Account.

This account represents funds advanced to other "businesses" within the company, including the business investing in subsidiary companies of the Group. These subsidiaries include Top Generation Limited, Ngawha Construction Limited, and Ngawha Geothermal Power Nominee Limited.

Ngawha Construction Limited owns and operates the Ngawha Geothermal Power Station. An exemption, lodged with the Commerce Commission under the Electricity Industry Reform Act 1998, to allow ownership of the above companies to be retained by Top Energy Limited has been denied and the decision is now subject to judicial review. If this is unsuccessful Top Energy Limited will be required to dispose of their investment in the above companies. This disposal could result in the lines business "forgiving' part of the debt of \$11,980,843.

Details of the circumstances relating to this fundamental uncertainty are described in note 12.

#### Qualified Opinion – Comparative Figures Omitted

Paragraph 2.18 of the Electricity Information Disclosure Handbook issued by the Ministry of Commerce permits energy companies to exclude comparative figures where disclosures are made for the first time for the current disclosure year. Top Energy Limited has taken advantage of this exemption and has not disclosed comparative figures in these circumstances. To this extent, the financial statements of Top Energy Limited do not comply with Financial Reporting Standard No. 2, *Presentation of Financial Reports*, or the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by Top Energy Limited as far as appears from our examination of those records.

In our opinion, except for the omission of comparative figures referred to above, the financial statements of Top Energy Limited on pages 2 to 20:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice; and
- give a true and fair view of:
  - the financial position as at 31 March 1999; and
  - the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- comply with the Energy (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

Our audit was completed on 27 August 1999 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

A R BRITTON PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS On behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General Whangarei, New Zealand

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#### **Performance Measures and Statistics** For the Year Ended 31 March 1999

#### Regulations 15 and 16

i. Financial Performance Measures

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	1999	1998	1997	1996
a. Return on Funds	3.47%	4.49%	6.34%	6.08%
b. Return on Equity	1.92%	4.23%	5.35%	4.52%
c. Return on Investment	4.30%	3.91%	4.71%	6.12%
ii. Efficiency Performance Measures	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	1999	1998	1997	1996
	\$	\$	\$	\$
a. Direct Line Costs per kilometre	876	1202	1,211	1,105
b. Indirect Line Costs per Electricity Customer	62	72	72	78

#### **Optimised Deprival Valuation**

The Optimised Deprival Valuation (established as at 31 March 1999) is \$70,836,319.

#### Regulation 21

#### i. Energy Delivery Efficiency Performance Measures

	1999	1998	1997	1996
	%	%	%	%
a. Load Factor	60	63	67	66
b. Loss Ratio	9.9	10.3	10.5	9.6
c. Capacity Utilisation	33	32	32	31

#### ii. Statistics

See table below for the following statistics:

a. System Length (kms) and breakdown by nominal line voltage.

b. Underground circuit length (kms) and breakdown by nominal line voltage.

c. Overhead circuit length (kms) and breakdown by nominal line voltage.

								Kilomet	res				
			(c	:)			(b			( <b>a</b> )			
			Overhe	ad Circu	it	Un	dergrou	nd Circu	it		Total System		
		1999	1998	1997	1996	1999	1998	1997	1996	1999	1998	1997	1996
	33kV	239	239	239	239	0	0	0	0	239	239	239	239
	11kV	3051	3,044	3,040	3,031	46	41	37	36	3097	3,085	3,077	3,067
	40 <b>0</b> V	870	872	878	880	494	471	445	431	1364	1,343	1,323	1,311
		4,160	4,155	4,157	4,150	540	512	482	467	4,700	4,667	4,639	4,617
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										1999	1998	1997	1996
d.	Transfe	ormer Caj	pacity (k <sup>v</sup>	VA)						161,045	156,089	152,479	148,475
e.	Maxim	um Dema	and (kW)							53,580	50,680	48,217	46,224
f.	Total E	Electricity	supplied	by Syste	m					252,450,000	254,673,000 *	251,432,000 *	240,024,000 *
g.	Total E	Electricity	v conveye	d by Syst	em for ot	her perso	ns (kWh)	)		89,919,619	24,807,000	10,978,000	13,785,000
		Retailer	1	estimate						61,678,000			
		Retailer	2	estimate						20,968,619			
		Retailer	3	estimate						7,273,000			
h.	Total C	Customers	s (average	e for year	)					24,779	24,980	24,337	23,870

#### h. Total Customers (average for year)

\* Denotes a revised comparative figure.

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#### TOP ENERGY LIMITED

#### Performance Measures and Statistics For the Year Ended 31 March 1999

#### Regulation 22

#### **Reliability Performance Measures**

#### i. Total number of interruptions and breakdowns by interruption class

	5 Yr	Target				
Class Type of Interruption	Average	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
			No	No	No	No
A Planned - Transpower			0	0	1	1
B Planned - Top Energy	350	350	278	363	356	324
C Unplanned - Top Energy	160	180	250	133	210	198
D Unplanned - Transpower			7	0	2	8
E Unplanned - Embedded Generation			0	0	0	0
F Unplanned - Other Generation			0	0	0	0
G Unplanned - Another Line owner			0	0	0	0
H Planned - Another Line owner			0	0	0	0
I Any other interruption			0	0	0	0
Total - All interruptions			535	496	569	531
Class C Interruptions not restored:			%			
a Within 3 hours			37%			
b Within 24 hours			0%			
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#### ii. Number of faults per 100 circuit kms

Line Voltage		Total				Underg	round			Over	head	
	1999	1998	1997	1996	1999	1998	1997	1996	1999	1998	1997	1996
100kV												
66kV												
33kV	0.42	0.42	2.93	2.93	0	0	0	0	0.42	0.42	2.93	2.93
11kV	4.26	4.28	4.52	4.53	0	0	0	0	4.33	4.34	4.57	4.59
6.6kV												
3.3kV												
Total	3.99	4.00	4.40	4.42	0	0	0	0	4.04	4.05	4.45	4.46
	5 Yr	Target			5 Yr	Target			5 Yr	Target		
Target Faults:	Average	-			Average	2000			Average			
33kV	5.0	0.5			0	0			0.5	0.5		
11kV	4.3	4.3			0	o			4.3	4.3		
Total	4.0	4.0			0	0			4.0	4.0		

#### iii. Breakdown of statistics by interruption class

Class Type of Interruption	SAIDI (Minutes)					SA (Interru					IDI utes)	
		1998	1997	1996		1998	1997	1996		1998	1997	1996
A Planned - Transpower	0	0	45	152	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	167.0	261.4
B Planned - Top Energy	163	189	179	110	1.4	2.2	5.4	5.0	121.0	86.0	33.0	21.8
C Unplanned - Top Energy	574	243	412	355	8.4	3.6	8.0	7.0	69.0	68.0	52.0	50.9
D Unplanned - Transpower	391	0	75	16	6.0	0.0	1.6	1.3	66.0	0.0	45.0	12.9
E Unplanned - Embedded Generation	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
F Unplanned - Other Generation	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
G Unplanned - Another Line owner	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H Planned - Another Line owner	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
I Any other interruption	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total - All interruptions	1128	432	711	633	15.8	5.8	15.3	13.8	72.0	74.0	46.0	46.0
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	5 Yr	Target			5 Yr	Target			5 Yr	Target		
Targets:	Average	2000			Average	2000			Average	2000		
B Planned - Top Energy	175	180			3.5	4.5			50	40		
C Unplanned - Top Energy	385	410			7.0	7.5			55	55		

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

We have examined the attached information, being:

- (a) The derivation table specified in regulation 16; and
- (b) Financial performance measures specified in clause 1 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999; and
- (c) Financial components of the efficiency performance measures specified in clause 2 of Part 3 of that Schedule,

and having been prepared by Top Energy Limited and dated 31 March 1999 for the purposes of regulation 15 of those regulations.

We certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge, that information has been prepared in accordance with the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

A R BRITTON PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS On behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General Whangarei, New Zealand

27 August 1999

