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# ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED

### INFORMATION FOR DISCLOSURE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 57T OF THE COMMERCE ACT 1986



# ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED

# LINES BUSINESS

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended 31 March 2004

Prepared for the Purposes of the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004

### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE DISCLAIMER**

The information disclosed in this 2004 Information Disclosure package issued by Alpine Energy Limited as been prepared soley for the purposes of the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

The Requirements 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 requirements.

The financial information presented is for the line business as described within the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004. There are also additional activities of the Company that are not required to be reported under the Requirements.

#### APPROVAL BY DIRECTORS

The Directors have approved the Consolidated Financial Statements of Alpine Energy Limited Line Business for the period ended 31 March 2004 on pages 1 to 14.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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23 December, 2004



Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31 March 2004

| REVENUE  | Note |           | 2004<br>\$    |           | 2003<br>\$     |
|--|------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| Operating revenue  |      |           |               |           |                |
| Revenue from line/access charges   |      |           | 25,217,612    |           | 24,562,129     |
| Revenue from "Other" business for services carried out by the line busin                     | iess |           | 0             |           | 0              |
| Interest on cash, bank balances and short term investments                                   |      |           | 493,433       |           | 555,291        |
| AC loss-rental rebates   |      |           | 984,267       |           | 732,398        |
| Other revenue not listed above   |      |           |               |           |                |
| Capital Contributions  |      | 1,438,034 |               | 1,285,892 |                |
| Other  |      | 8,444     | 4 4 40 4 70 - | 9,029     |                |
|  |      |           | 1,446,478     |           | 1,294,921      |
| Total operating revenue  |      | -         | 28,141,790    | -         | 27,144,739     |
|  |      | -         | 20,141,730    | _         | 21,144,135     |
| EXPENDITURE  |      |           | 2004          |           | 2003<br>\$     |
| Operating expenditure  |      |           |               |           | ¥              |
| Payment for transmission charges   |      |           | 7,546,649     |           | 7,566,123      |
| Transfer payments to the "Other" business for  |      |           |               |           | ,              |
| Asset maintenance  | 8    | 2,307,220 |               | 2,059,671 |                |
| Consumer disconnection/reconnection services   |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Meter data   |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Consumer-based load control services   |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Royalty and patent expenses  |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Avoided transmission charges on account of own generation                                    |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Other goods and services   | 8    | 1,702,741 |               | 1,452,660 |                |
| Total transfer payment to the "Other" business   |      |           | 4,009,961     |           | 3,512,331      |
| Expense to entities that are not related parties for   |      |           |               |           |                |
| Asset maintenance  |      | 280,905   |               | 158,608   |                |
| Consumer disconnection/reconnection services   |      | 200,000   |               | 00,000    |                |
| Meter data   |      | 0         |               | õ         |                |
| Consumer-based load control services   |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Royalty and patent expenses  |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Total of specified expenses to non-related parties   |      |           | 280,905       |           | 158,608        |
| Emotories estados varias and as trademains   |      |           |               |           |                |
| Employee salaries, wages and redundancies<br>Consumer billing and information system expense |      |           |               |           | 0              |
| Depreciation on  |      |           |               |           | 0              |
| System property, plant and equipment   |      | 3,227,882 |               | 3,134,228 |                |
| Other property, plant and equipment  |      | 1,292     |               | 1,237     |                |
| Total depreciation   |      |           | 3,229,174     | 1,201     | 3,135,465      |
|  |      |           | 0,220,000     |           | 0,100,100      |
| Amortisation of  |      |           |               |           |                |
| Goodwill   |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Other intangibles  |      | 0         |               | 0         |                |
| Total amortisation of intangibles  |      |           | 0             |           | 0              |
| Corporate and administration   |      |           | 06 222        |           | 404 470        |
| Human resource expenses  |      |           | 96,332        |           | 401,476<br>541 |
| Marketing/advertising  |      |           | 30,206        |           | 12,785         |
| Merger and acquisition expenses  |      |           | 00,200        |           | 12,705         |
| Takeover defence expenses  |      |           | ő             |           | ő              |
| Research and development expenses  |      |           | õ             |           | Ő              |
| Consultancy and legal expenses   |      |           | 214,640       |           | 90,130         |
| Donations  |      |           | 0             |           | 0              |
|  |      |           |               |           |                |



#### Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31 March 2004 - Continued

|  | Note        |                       | 2004<br>\$                                   | 2003<br>\$  |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| Directors' fees<br>Auditors' fees  |             |                       | 101,133                                      | 102,851   |
| Audit fees paid to principal auditors<br>Audit fees paid to other auditors<br>Fees paid for other services provided by principal and othe<br>Total auditors' fees  | er auditors | 23,900<br>0<br>19,123 | 25,4<br>5,3<br>43,023                        | 0   |
| Costs of offering credit<br>Bad debts written off<br>Increase in estimated doubtful debts<br>Total cost of offering credit   |             | 0                     | 0  | 0<br>0<br>0   |
| Local authority rates expense<br>AC loss-rentals (distribution to retailers/customers) expense<br>Rebates to consumers due to ownership interest<br>Subvention payments<br>Unusual expenses<br>Other expenditure not listed above<br>Total operating expenditure |             | 15,                   | 67,869<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>102,016<br>.721,908 | 54,902<br>0<br>0<br>0<br><u>116,205</u><br>15,182,221 |
| Operating surplus before interest and income tax   |             | 12,                   | 419,882                                      | 11,962,518  |
| Interest expense<br>Interest expense on borrowings<br>Financing charges related to finance leases<br>Other interest expense<br>Total interest expense  |             |                       | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0                             | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0                                      |
| Operating surplus before income tax  |             | 12,                   | 419,882                                      | 11,962,518  |
| Income tax   | 2           | 3,                    | 624,010                                      | 3,523,286   |
| Net surplus after tax  |             | 8,                    | 795,872                                      | 8,439,232   |

#### Statement of Movements in Equity for the Year Ended 31 March 2004

|   | 2004<br>\$  | 2003<br>\$                                      |
|---|---|---|
| Equity at the Beginning of the Year   | 79,758,210  | 78,021,556                                      |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Period<br>Revaluation<br>Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses<br>Dividends Paid<br>Transfer on Disposal of Plant, Property and Equipment | 8,795,872<br>(6,021,000)<br>2,774,872<br>(7,827,526)<br>0 | 8,439,232<br>0<br>8,439,232<br>(6,702,578)<br>0 |
| Equity at the End of the Year   | 74,705,556  | 79,758,210                                      |



#### Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2004

|  | Note | 2004<br>\$                            | 2003<br>\$      |
|--|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Current assets   |      |                                       |                 |
| Cash and bank balances                                 |      | 58,061                                | 82,914          |
| Short-term investments                                 |      | 1,800,000                             | 3,900,000       |
| Inventories  |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Accounts receivable                                    |      | 1,125,885                             | 1,178,536       |
| Other current assets Total current assets              |      | 4,873<br>2,988,819                    | 4,382 5,165,832 |
| Total current assets                                   |      | 2,900,019                             | 5,105,652       |
| Fixed assets   |      |                                       |                 |
| System property, plant and equipment                   |      | 73,346,108                            | 72,656,859      |
| Consumer billing and information system assets         |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Motor vehicles   |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Office equipment                                       |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Land and buildings                                     |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Capital works under construction (system fixed assets) |      | 1,480,714                             | 3,260,288       |
| Other property, plant and equipment                    |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total fixed assets                                     |      | 74,826,822                            | 75,917,147      |
| Other tangible assets not listed above                 |      |                                       |                 |
| Deferred tax   | 2    | 975,782                               | 913,059         |
|  | -    | 0.0,02                                | 0.0000          |
| Total tangible assets                                  | -    | 78,791,423                            | 81,996,038      |
|  | -    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                 |
| Intangible assets                                      |      |                                       |                 |
| Goodwill   |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Other intangibles                                      | -    | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total intangible assets                                | -    | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total assets   | -    | 70 704 400                            | 04.000.000      |
| I Olar assets  | =    | 78,791,423                            | 81,996,038      |
| Command Hack Hater                                     |      |                                       |                 |
| Current liabilities<br>Bank overdraft                  |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Short-term borrowings                                  |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Payables and accruals                                  |      | 1,844,431                             | 2,210,826       |
| Provision for dividends payable                        |      | 1,322,497                             | 2,270,020       |
| Provision for income tax                               |      | 918,939                               | 27,002          |
| Other current liabilities                              |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total current liabilities                              | -    | 4,085,867                             | 2,237,828       |
|  | -    |                                       |                 |
| Non-current liabilities                                |      |                                       |                 |
| Payables and accruais                                  |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Borrowings   |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Deferred tax<br>Other non-current liabilities          |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total non-current liabilities                          | -    | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total Non-Current habilities                           | -    | 0                                     | 0               |
| Equity   |      |                                       |                 |
| Shareholders' equity                                   |      |                                       |                 |
| Share capital  |      | 26,596,000                            | 26,596,000      |
| Retained earnings                                      |      | 13,202,556                            | 12,234,210      |
| Reserves   | 3 _  | 34,907,000                            | 40,928,000      |
| Total Shareholders' equity                             | _    | 74,705,556                            | 79,758,210      |
| Minority interests in subsidiaries                     |      | 0                                     | 0               |
| Total equity   | _    | 74,705,556                            | 79,758,210      |
| Capital notes  | -    | 0                                     | 70 759 240      |
| Total capital funds                                    |      | 74,705,556                            | 79,758,210      |
| Total equity and liabilities                           | -    | 78,791,423                            | 81,996,038      |
| Total equity and numinies                              | =    | 10,131,423                            | 01,990,030      |



#### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2004

|   | Note | 2004<br>\$   | 2003<br>\$   |
|---|------|--------------|--------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES                            |      |              |              |
| Cash was provided from:   |      |              |              |
| Receipts from Customers   |      | 28,188,154   | 27,337,544   |
| GST   |      | (34,915)     | 35,837       |
| Cash was disbursed to:  |      |              |              |
| Payments to Suppliers and Employees                             |      | (12,818,418) | (11,475,461) |
| Income Tax  |      | (2,794,796)  | (3,594,264)  |
| GST   |      | 0            | 0            |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES                        | 7    | 12,540,025   | 12,303,656   |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES<br>Cash was provided from: |      |              |              |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment            |      | 0            | 0            |
| Cash was applied to:  |      |              |              |
| Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment                       |      | (8,159,849)  | (9,095,803)  |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES                        | -    | (8,159,849)  | (9,095,803)  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES                            |      |              |              |
| Cash was applied to:  |      |              |              |
| Dividend paid   |      | (6,505,029)  | (6,702,578)  |
| Loan repaid   | -    | 0            | 0            |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES                        | -    | (6,505,029)  | (6,702,578)  |
|   |      |              |              |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD                            |      | (2,124,853)  | (3,494,725)  |
| Add Opening Cash Brought Forward                                |      | 3,982,914    | 7,477,639    |
| ENDING CASH CARRIED FORWARD                                     | -    | 1,858,061    | 3,982,914    |
|   |      |              |              |



#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

for the Year Ending 31 March 2004

#### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

The financial information presented is for the line business activities of Alpine Energy Limited. There are also additional activities of the Company that are not required to be reported under the Regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies are identified.

#### a) Customer Contributions

Contributions from customers, in relation to the construction of new lines for the network, and contributions from district councils towards the costs of replacing overhead lines with underground cables are accounted for as income in the year in which they are received.

#### b) Capital and Operating Expenditure

Capital expenditure relates to expenditure incurred in the creation of a new asset and expenditure incurred on existing reticulation system assets to the extent the system is enhanced.

Operating expenditure relates to expenditure which restores an asset closer to its original condition and includes expenditure incurred in maintaining and operating the fixed assets of the network.

#### c) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged as follows:

| System Property, Plant and Ec | uipment - straight line over useful life (from 10 to 80 years) |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Buildings                     | 1 to 2.5% of cost  |
| Plant and Office Equipment    | 8 to 60% on diminishing value                                  |

Depreciation for taxation purposes recognises that:

- Additions to the network exclude any allocation of indirect costs.
- Only 80% of the book value of the Globo distribution system at 1 April 1987 is depreciated.

#### d) Taxation

The taxation charge is the estimated liability payable in respect of the accounting profit for the year, adjusted for non assessable income and non deductible costs and including any adjustments in respect of prior years.

#### e) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at estimated realisable value after making provision for doubtful debts. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

#### f) Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. System Property, Plant and Equipment are subsequently revalued to net current value as determined by an independent valuer using the depreciated replacement cost valuation method. Other Property, Plant and Equipment are stated at cost less an allowance for depreciation.

#### g) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments carried in the Statement of Financial Position include cash and bank balances, receivables and trade creditors. These instruments are generally carried at their estimated fair value.

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

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable.



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#### **Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business**

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements - Continued

for the Year Ending 31 March 2004

#### i) Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

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34,907,000

40,928,000

#### 2. Taxation

|  | 2004<br>\$      | 2003<br>\$  |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Income Tax Expense                                   |                 |             |
| Operating Surplus before Income Tax<br>Add/(Deduct): | 12,419,882      | 11,962,517  |
| Non Deductible Costs                                 | 0               | 0           |
| Non Assessable Income                                | (1,438,034)     | (1,285,892) |
| Timing Differences                                   | 0               | 0           |
| Taxable Income                                       | 10,981,848      | 10,676,625  |
| Taxation Charge @ 33%                                | 3,624,010       | 3,523,286   |
| Prior Year Over (Under) Provisions                   | 0               | 0           |
| Income Tax Expense                                   | 3,624,010       | 3,523,286   |
| The income tax expense is represented by:            |                 |             |
| Current Taxation                                     | 3,686,733       | 3,594,264   |
| Deferred Taxation                                    | (62,723)        | (70,978)    |
|  | 3,624,010       | 3,523,286   |
| Deferred Income Tax Liability (Asset)                |                 |             |
| Balance at Beginning of Year                         | (913,059)       | (842,081)   |
| Current Year Timing Differences                      | (62,723)        | (70,978)    |
| Adjustment on Disposal of Business                   | 0               | 0           |
| Balance at End of Year                               | (975,782)       | (913,059)   |
| Taxation Liability (Asset)                           |                 |             |
| Income Tax Expense<br>Add/(Deduct):                  | 3,624,010       | 3,523,286   |
| Deferred Tax   | 62,723          | 70,978      |
| Income Tax Paid                                      | (2,794,796)     | (3,137,989) |
| Income Tax Liability at Beginning of Year            | 27,002          | (429,273)   |
| Provision for Tax                                    | 918,939         | 27,002      |
| Reserves   |                 |             |
|  | 2004            | 2003        |
|  | 2004<br>\$      | 2003<br>\$  |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve                            |                 |             |
| Balance at Beginning of the Year                     | 40,928,000      | 40,928,000  |
| Net Revaluations                                     | (6,021,000)     | 0           |
| Transfer on Disposal of Property, Plant & Equipment  | 0               | 0           |
|  | 0 4 0 0 7 0 0 0 | 40 000 000  |

Balance at End of the Year

#### 4. Contingent Liabilities

In respect of the business activities being reported on, the Company has no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2004 (2003 nil).



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#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements - Continued

for the Year Ending 31 March 2004

#### 5. Capital Commitments

In respect of the business activities being reported on, the Company has capital commitments amounting to \$6,508,807 as at 31 March 2004 (2003 \$2,689,573).

#### 6. Financial Instruments

#### a) Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of bank deposits and accounts receivable. The maximum credit risk is the book value of these financial instruments however, the Company considers the risk of non recovery of these amounts to be minimal.

The Company places its cash and bank deposits with high credit quality financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution.

The Company continually evaluates and monitors the credit quality of its customers. There is a concentration of credit risk in relation to activities with associated entities. This risk is managed indirectly through appointments to the governing bodies of these associated entities.

#### b) Fair Value

The carrying value of cash and bank deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable is equivalent to their fair value.

#### 7. Reconciliation Of Operating Surplus With Cash Flows From Operating Activities

|   | 2004<br>\$ | 2003<br>\$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| <b>Operating Surplus After Income Tax</b><br>Add/ (Deduct) Non Cash Items | 8,795,872  | 8,439,232  |
| Depreciation<br>Deferred Tax  | 3,229,174  | 3,135,465  |
|   | 12,025,046 | 11,574,697 |
| Add/ (Deduct) Movements in Working Capital                                |            |            |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Debtors  | 52,160     | (291,474)  |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Deferred Tax                                       | (62,723)   | (70,978)   |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors  | (366,395)  | 639,518    |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Tax                                  | 891,937    | 451,893    |
|   | 514,979    | 728,959    |
|   | 12,540,025 | 12,303,656 |

#### 8. Related Party Transactions

Associated Entity: Networks South Limited (excl GST)

Networks South Limited is 50% owned by Alpine Energy Limited and provided administrative, engineering and planning functions for the network from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004. These services are charged on a fixed contract basis.

During the period, this charge totalled \$3,254,518 (2003 \$2,882,534). The outstanding amount as at 31 March 2004 was \$85,304 (2003 \$90,106) payable on normal commercial terms.

No debts were written off or forgiven and no transactions took place at nil or nominal value.

Transactions do not relate to the categories specified in the Regulations except 'Maintenance of Assets' which totalled \$875,173 in 2004 (2003 \$811,182).



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#### Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements - Continued

for the Year Ending 31 March 2004

#### Associated Entity: NetCon Limited (excl GST)

NetCon is wholly owned by Networks South Limited and provided asset maintenance and construction services for the network from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004. Services were charged on both a fixed price basis or 'time and materials' basis.

During the period, this charge totalled \$4,770,601 (2003 \$5,636,515). The outstanding amount as at 31 March 2004 was \$859,996 (2003 \$878,839) payable on normal commercial terms.

No debts were written off or forgiven and no transactions took place at nil or nominal value.

During the period capital construction transactions totalled the following:

|   | 2004<br>\$ | 2003<br>\$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Asset Construction:                                 |            |            |
| Subtransmission assets                              | 0          | 0          |
| Zone Substations                                    | 236,802    | 391,713    |
| Distribution Lines                                  | 1,516,944  | 2,773,185  |
| Medium Voltage Switchgear                           | 0          | 17,208     |
| Distribution Transformers                           | 38,215     | 43,364     |
| Distribution Substations                            | 28,738     | 24,844     |
| Low Voltage lines                                   | 893,689    | 1,004,398  |
| Other System Fixed Assets (as per the ODV Handbook) | 0          | 0          |
| Maintenance of Assets                               | 1,923,805  | 1,248,489  |
| Customer Connections and Disconnections             | 0          | 0          |
| Other Goods and Services                            | 132,408    | 133,314    |



#### Financial Performance Measures - 31 March 2004

|                                  | 2004  | 2003  | 2002  | 2001  |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Accounting return on funds       | 16.4% | 17.5% | 16.0% | 13.8% |
| Accounting return on equity      | 11.6% | 11.7% | 10.6% | 8.3%  |
| Accounting return on investments | 11.2% | 12.1% | 10.8% | 7.9%  |

#### Efficiency Performance Measures - 31 March 2004

|  | 2004               | 2003               | 2002               | 2001               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Direct line costs per kilometre          | \$1,150            | \$992              | \$1,061            | \$890              |
| Direct expenditure<br>System length (km) | 4,290,866<br>3,730 | 3,670,939<br>3,701 | 3,913,444<br>3,687 | 3,331,000<br>3,741 |

| Indirect line costs per consumer | \$23    | \$29    | \$23    | \$41      |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Indirect expenditure             | 655,219 | 809,694 | 647,019 | 1,150,000 |
| Total consumers                  | 28,409  | 28,248  | 28,376  | 27,806    |

#### Energy Delivery Efficiency Performance Measures - 31 March 2004

|   | 2004                            | 2003                           | 2002                           | 2001                           |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Load Factor (= a/b/c x 100)   | 69.5%                           | 72.7%                          | 68.4%                          | 72.0%                          |
| a = kWh of electricity entering system<br>b = Maximum Demand (kW)<br>c = Total number of hours                    | 629,964,387<br>103,502<br>8,760 | 624,177,487<br>98,018<br>8,760 | 565,290,378<br>94,358<br>8,760 | 563,554,516<br>89,346<br>8,760 |
| Loss Ratio* (= a/b x 100)   | 6.4%                            | 6.0%                           | 7.6%                           | -0.9%                          |
| a = Total Electricity lost in the Network (kWh)<br>b = Total Electricity entering the Network before losses (kWh) | 40,280,103<br>629,964,387       | 37,625,216<br>624,177,487      | 42,831,221<br>565,290,378      | -5,262,659<br>563,554,516      |
| Capacity Utilisation (= a/b x 100)  | 35.1%                           | 34.6%                          | 34.4%                          | 34.2%                          |
| a = Maximum Demand (kW)<br>b = Transformer Capacity (kVA)   | 103,502<br>295,055              | 98,018<br>283,188              | 94,358<br>274,510              | 89,346<br>261,555              |

\* Alpine Energy relies on the sales information reported by electricity retailers to calculate these amounts.



#### Network Statistics - 31 March 2004

|                                  |           | 2004  | 2003   | 2002  | 2001  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Total System Length (kms)        | 33kV      | 189   | 189    | 188   | 189   |
|                                  | 22kV      | 146   | 146    | 145   | 147   |
|                                  | 11kV      | 2,815 | 2,788  | 2,761 | 2,725 |
|                                  | 6.6kV     | 8     | 8      | 8     | 8     |
|                                  | 230/400 V | 572   | 570    | 585   | 672   |
|                                  | Total     | 3,730 | 3,701  | 3,687 | 3,741 |
|                                  |           |       | ······ |       |       |
| Overhead Circuit Length (kms)    | 33kV      | 183   | 183    | 182   | 183   |
|                                  | 22kV      | 145   | 145    | 145   | 147   |
|                                  | 11kV      | 2,603 | 2,585  | 2,568 | 2,543 |
|                                  | 6.6kV     | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     |
|                                  | 230/400 V | 332   | 333    | 349   | 374   |
|                                  | Total     | 3,263 | 3,246  | 3,244 | 3,247 |
|                                  | 0.011/    |       |        |       |       |
| Underground Circuit Length (kms) | 33kV      | 6     | 6      | 5.6   | 6     |
|                                  | 22kV      | 0.5   | 0.5    | 0.5   | 0     |
|                                  | 11kV      | 212   | 203    | 193   | 182   |
|                                  | 6.6kV     | 8     | 8      | 8     | 8     |
|                                  | 230/400 V | 240   | 237    | 235.7 | 298   |
|                                  | Total     | 467   | 455    | 443   | 494   |

| Transformer Capacity (kVA) | 295,055 | 283,188 | 274,510 | 261,555 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Maximum Demand (kW)        | 103,502 | 98,018  | 94,358  | 89,346  |

| Total Electricity entering the Network -<br>before losses (kWh)          | Embed Generation<br>Import<br>Total  | 27,996,408<br>601,967,979<br>629,964,387   | 20,513,352<br>603,664,135<br>624,177,487  | 18,823,608<br>546,466,770<br>565,290,378   | 36,226,840<br>527,327,676<br>563,554,516  |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Amount of electricity supplied from the<br>Network - after losses (kWh)* | Retailer A<br>Retailer B<br>Retailer C<br>Retailer D<br>Retailer E<br>Retailer F<br>Retailer G<br>Export<br><b>Total</b> | 261,319,111<br>8,952,864<br>22,172,818<br>77,633,665<br>0<br>201,537,690<br>0<br>18,068,136<br>589,684,284 | 234,456,051<br>39,832,655<br>45,698,409<br>89,440,542<br>0<br>164,352,449<br>0<br>12,772,164<br>586,552,271 | 200,749,602<br>102,021,616<br>21,479,320<br>86,951,354<br>30,610,485<br>67,847,566<br>144,195<br>12,655,019<br>522,459,157 | 276,611,511<br>99,166,180<br>22,139,820<br>23,111,782<br>87,741,765<br>35,047,796<br>570,978<br>24,427,343<br>568,817,175 |

| Total number of Consumers | 28,409 | 28,248 | 28,376 | 27,806 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                           |        |        |        |        |

\*Alpine Energy relies on the sales information reported by electricity retailers to calculate these amounts.



#### Reliability and Performance Measures - Interruptions and Faults - 31 March 2004

| Interruptions  | Class          | 2004/08<br>(Target) | 2004<br>(Target) | 2004                                    | 2003 | 2002 | 2001    |
|--|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---|------|------|---------|
| Number of Interruptions  |                |                     |                  | • |      |      |         |
| Planned Interruptions - Transpower                                       | Class A        | 2                   | 2                | 0                                       | 2    | 2    | 0       |
| Planned Interruptions - Alpine   | Class B        | 35                  | 40               | 42                                      | 46   | 64   | 25      |
| Unplanned Interruptions - Alpine   | Class C        | 95                  | 100              | 90                                      | 65   | 97   | 163     |
| Unplanned Interruptions - Transpower                                     | Class D        | 2                   | 3                | 0                                       | 0    | 1    | 8       |
|  | Class E - I    |                     |                  | 0                                       | 0    | 0    | 0       |
|  | Total          | 134                 | 145              | 132                                     | 113  | 164  | 196     |
| Proportion of Total Class C Interruptions                                | not restored:  | ······              | <u> </u>         |   |      |      | <u></u> |
| ······································                                   | Within 3 Hours |                     |                  | 27%                                     | 37%  | 7%   | 16%     |
|  | Within 24 Hour | S                   |                  | 9%                                      | 12%  | 0%   | 0%      |
| Faults<br>Overall System   | Voltage        | 2004/08<br>(Target) | 2004<br>(Target) | 2004                                    | 2003 | 2002 | 2001    |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres of                                     |                |                     |                  |   |      |      |         |
| prescribed voltage electric line   |                | 3.1                 | 3.3              | 3.2                                     | 2.08 | 3.1  | 5.3     |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                                    | 33kV           | 1.1                 | 1.1              | 1.1                                     | 0.53 | 1.1  | 0.0     |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres  | 22kV           | 0.7                 | 0.7              | 0.7                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 2.7     |
| radits per 100 circuit kilometres  | 11kV           | 3.3                 | 3.5              | 3.4                                     | 2.30 | 3.4  | 5.8     |
|  | 6.6kV          | 0.0                 | 0.0              | 0.0                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Overhead   |                |                     |                  |   |      |      |         |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres of<br>prescribed voltage electric line |                |                     |                  | 3.3                                     | 2.13 | 3.3  | 5.6     |
|  | 33kV           |                     |                  | 1.1                                     | 0.55 | 1.1  | 0.0     |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres  | 22kV           |                     |                  | 0.7                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 2.7     |
|  | 11kV           |                     |                  | 3.6                                     | 2.36 | 3.7  | 6.1     |
|  | 6.6kV          |                     |                  | 0.0                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Inderground  |                |                     |                  |   |      |      |         |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres of                                     |                |                     |                  | 1.3                                     | 1.38 | 0.5  | 1.5     |
| prescribed voltage electric line   |                |                     |                  |   |      |      |         |
|  |                |                     |                  | 0.0                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Faults per 100 circuit kilometres  | 22kV           |                     |                  | 0.0                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 0.0     |
|  | 11kV           |                     |                  | 1.4                                     | 1.48 | 0.5  | 1.6     |
|  | 6.6kV          |                     |                  | 0.0                                     | 0.00 | 0.0  | 0.0     |



#### **Reliability and Performance Measures**

#### System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) - 31 March 2004

|  | Class       | 2004/08<br>(Target) | 2004<br>(Target) | 2004      | 2003      | 2002      | <b>20</b> 01 |
|--|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| SAIDI for total number of interruptions        | Overall     | 77                  | 82               | 115       | 204       | 81        | 113          |
|  | Class A     | 7                   | 7                | 0         | 22        | 0         | 0            |
| SAIDI for total number of interruptions within | Class B     | 12                  | 12               | 12        | 20        | 19        | 8            |
| each interruption class (= a/b)                | Class C     | 45                  | 49               | 103       | 162       | 50        | 68           |
|  | Class D     | 13                  | 14               | 0         | 0         | 12        | 38           |
|  | Class E - I | 0                   | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            |
|  | Class A     | 200,000             | 200,000          | 0         | 609,600   | 9,805     | 0            |
| a = sum of interruption duration factors for   | Class B     | 350,000             | 350,000          | 350,995   | 570,856   | 525,896   | 210,305      |
| all interruptions within the particular        | Class C     | 1,300,000           | 1,400,000        | 2,935,049 | 4,580,897 | 1,411,304 | 1,881,474    |
| interruption class                             | Class D     | 375,000             | 400,000          | 0         | 0         | 339,660   | 1,060,175    |
|  | Class E - I | 0                   | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| b = Total Consumers                            |             | 28,800              | 28,500           | 28,409    | 28,248    | 28,376    | 27,806       |

#### System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) - 31 March 2004

|   | Class       | 2004/08<br>(Target) | 2004<br>(Target) | 2004   | 2003   | 2002   | 2001   |
|---|-------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SAIFI for total number of interruptions   | Overall     | 1.2                 | 1.3              | 1.6    | 1.1    | 1.2    | 1.7    |
|   | Class A     | 0.1                 | 0.1              | 0.0    | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.0    |
| SAIFI for total number of interruptions within<br>each interruption class (= a/b) | Class B     | 0.1                 | 0.1              | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.2    | 0.1    |
|   | Class C     | 0.9                 | 1.0              | 1.5    | 0.9    | 0.8    | 1.3    |
|   | Class D     | 0.1                 | 0.1              | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.3    |
|   | Class E - I | 0.0                 | 0.0              | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
|   | Class A     | 4,000               | 4,000            | 0      | 1,977  | 3,922  | 0      |
| a = sum of electricity consumers affected by                                      | Class B     | 3,000               | 3,500            | 3,930  | 3,390  | 5,700  | 1,859  |
| all interruptions   | Class C     | 26,500              | 27,500           | 41,406 | 25,988 | 23,455 | 36,765 |
| all interruptions   | Class D     | 1,750               | 2,000            | 0      | 0      | 629    | 9,587  |
|   | Class E - I | 0                   | 0                | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| b = Total Consumers   |             | 28,800              | 28,500           | 28,409 | 28,248 | 28,376 | 27,806 |

#### Connection Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI) - 31 March 2004

|  | Class       | 2004/08<br>(Target) | 2004<br>(Target) | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| CAIDI for total number of interruptions        | Overall     | 63                  | 64               | 72   | 184  | 68   | 65   |
|  | Class A     | 50                  | 50               | 0    | 308  | 3    | 0    |
|  | Class B     | 117                 | 100              | 89   | 168  | 92   | 113  |
| CAIDI for total number of interruptions within | Class C     | 49                  | 51               | 71   | 176  | 60   | 51   |
| each interruption class (= a/b)                | Class D     | 214                 | 200              | 0    | 0    | 540  | 111  |
|  | Class E - I | 0                   | 0                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |



| Operating surplus before interest and income tax from financial statements<br>Operating surplus before interest and income tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18<br>Interest on cash, bank balances, and short-term investments (ISTI)<br>OSBIT minus IST<br>Net surplus after tax from financial statements<br>Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Convention payment |             | oninio   | Ľ         | ROF  | ROE                                       |                         | ROI   |                 |
|--|-------------|----------|-----------|--|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Operating surplus before interest and income tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18<br>Interest on cash, bank balances, and short-term investments (ISTI)<br>OSBIIT minus ISTI<br>Net surplus after tax from financial statements<br>Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Dependent payment  | 12,419,882  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Depending output option of the statements of statements (ISTI)<br>OSBIT minus ISTI<br>Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (ISTI)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Dependent payment   | 12 410 882  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Interest on cash, bank balances, and short-term investments (ISTI)<br>OSBIIT minus ISTI<br>Net surplus after tax from financial statements<br>Int surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Subvention payment  | 14,410,002  |          |           |  |   | _                       |   |                 |
| OSBIIT minus IST1<br>Net surplus after tax from financial statements<br>Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Subvention payment  | 493,433     |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Net surplus after tax from financial statements<br>Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Subvention payment   | 11,926,449  | ø        |           | 11,926,449   |   |                         |   | 11 926 449      |
| Net surplus after tax adjusted pursuant to regulation 18 (NSAT)<br>Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Subvention payment<br>Development of DDE at BV/VV   | 8,795,872   |          |           |  |   |                         |   | 011040          |
| Amortisation of goodwill and amortisation of other intangibles<br>Subvention payment   | 8,795,872   | c        |           |  |   | 8.795.872               |   |                 |
| Subvention payment   | 0           | σ        | add       | 0  | add                                       | C                       | р<br>Ú e  | c               |
| Depreciation of DDE at RV (v)  | 0           | , vi     | add       |  |   |                         | 2010  | 0               |
|  | 3.227.882   |          |           |  | 222                                       | >                       | מחת   | 0               |
| Depreciation of PPE at ODV (v)   | 3.495.248   |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| ODV depreciation adjustment  | c           | τ        | 500       |  | - Pro-                                    |                         | -   |                 |
| Subvention navment fax adjustment  |             |          | 000       | >  |   | 0                       | add   | 0               |
| Purperent tay shield   | 0           | -<br>20  |           |  | deduct                                    | 0                       | deduct  | 0               |
| Povolustione   | - 102,001 - | σ        |           |  |   |                         | deduct  | -162,833        |
|  | 0 0 0 0     | _        |           |  |   |                         | add   | 0               |
|  | 3,624,010   | ٩        |           |  |   |                         | deduct  | 3,624,010       |
| Numerator  |             |          |           | 11,926,449   |   | 8,795,872               |   | 8,139,606       |
|  |             |          | OSI       | $OSBIIT^{AUV} = a + g + s + d$                         | NSAT <sup>ADJ</sup> = n + g + s - s*t + d | g + s - s*t + d         | $OSBIIT^{ADJ} = a + g - q + r + s + d - p - s^{*}t$ | s + d - p - s*t |
| Property, Plant & Equipment at end of previous financial year (FA <sub>0</sub> )   | 75,917,147  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Property, Plant & Equipment at end of current financial year (FA,)   | 74,826,822  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Adjusted net working capital at end of previous financial year (ANWC <sub>o</sub> )  | -1,081,912  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Adjusted net working capital at end of current financial year (ANWC,)  | 0           |          |           | -  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average total funds employed (ATFE)  | 74,290,073  | U        |           | 74.290.073   |   |                         |   | 24 00C FE       |
| Total equity at end of previous financial year $({\sf TE}_0)$  | 79,758,210  |          |           |  |   |                         |   | 14,230,073      |
| Total equity at end of current financial year (TE <sub>1</sub> )   | 74,705,556  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average total equity   | 77,231,883  | <u>×</u> |           |  |   | 77 231 883              |   |                 |
| WUC at end of previous financial year (WUC <sub>0</sub> )  | 3,260,288   |          |           |  |   | 200                     |   |                 |
| WUC at end of current financial year (WUC <sub>1</sub> )   | 1,480,714   |          |           |  |   | - 4 * • • •             |   |                 |
| Average total works under construction   | 2,370,501   | Ð        | deduct    | 2,370,501  | deduct                                    | 2 370 501               | deduct  | 2 370 601       |
| Revaluations   | 0           | -        |           |  |   |                         |   | 100'0/0'7       |
| Half of revaluations   | 0           | r/2      |           |  |   |                         | deduct  | c               |
| Intangible assets at end of previous financial year ( $IA_0$ )   | 0           |          |           |  |   |                         | 100000  | >               |
| Intangible assets at end of current financial year (IA,)   | 0           |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average total intangible asset   | 0           | ε        |           |  | add                                       | C                       |   |                 |
| Subvention payment at end of previous financial year $(S_{\sigma})$  | 0           |          |           |  |   | >                       |   |                 |
| Subvention payment at end of current financial year (S <sub>1</sub> )  | 0           |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Subvention payment tax adjustment at end of previous financial year  | 0           |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Subvention payment tax adjustment at end of current financial year   | 0           |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average subvention payment & related tax adjustment  | 0           | >        |           |  | add                                       | c                       |   |                 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment at end of previous financial year at book value (SFA <sub>by</sub>   | 72,656,859  |          |           |  | 5   | C                       |   |                 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment at end of current financial year at book value (SFAwr)   | 73,346,108  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average value of system property, plant and equipment assets at book value   | 73,001,484  | +        | deduct    | 73.001 484   | deduct                                    | 73 001 484              |   |                 |
| Property. Plant and Equipment at year beginning at ODV value (SFA <sub>dvio</sub> )  | 65,957,994  |          |           |  |   | tot                     | neduci  | /3,001,484      |
| Property, Plant and Equipment at end of current financial year at ODV value (SFA <sub>odv1</sub>   | 81,784,104  |          |           |  |   |                         |   |                 |
| Average value of system property, plant and equipment at ODV value   | 73,871,049  | ۲        | add       | 73,871,049   | add                                       | 73 871 049              | 200   | 010 110 01      |
| Denominator  |             |          |           | 72.789.137   |   | 75 730 947              | 1   | 200 000 01      |
|  |             |          |           | $ATFE^{ADJ} = c - e - f + h$                           | Ave TE <sup>ADJ</sup> = k - e             | = k - e - m + v - f + h | ATECADU - 2   | 12,103,13/      |
| Financial Performance Measure:   |             |          |           | 16.38  |   |                         |   | C-C-            |
|  |             |          | ROF = OSF | ROF = OSBIIT <sup>ADJ</sup> /ATFE <sup>ADJ</sup> v 100 |   | AT LADJ 4 00            | 11.18   |                 |

subscript '1' = end of the current financial year ROF = return on tunds ROE = return on equity ROI = return on investment



#### Alpine Energy Limited (Lines) Annual Valuation Reconciliation Report

|  | 2004<br>\$                | 2003<br>\$       |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| System Property, Plant & Equipment at ODV (start of period)  | 65,957,994                | 65,995,961       |
| Adjustment following Commerce Commission Comprehensive Audit<br>Process (under Commerce Act 1986)                        | 0                         | 0                |
| Restated System Property, Plant & Equipment at ODV (start of period)   | 65,957,994                | 65,995,961       |
| Add System Property, Plant & Equipment acquired during the period at ODV   | 2,703,783                 | 3,329,561        |
| Less System Property, Plant & Equipment disposed of during the period at ODV   | 0                         | (233,300)        |
| Less depreciation on System Property, Plant & Equipment at ODV<br>Add revaluations of System Property, Plant & Equipment | (3,495,248)<br>16,617,471 | (3,134,228)<br>0 |
| Gives System Property, Plant & Equipment at ODV (end of period)  | 81,784,000                | 65,957,994       |

#### Valuation of the Network Reticulation System

Valuation of the Network Reticulation System is at net current value on an existing use basis, as at 31 March 2004, and was conducted by KPMG, Christchurch. The Commerce Commission has adjusted this valuation (as shown) following a comprehensive audit.

#### **Explanation of Terms**

| <i>General</i><br>km<br>kV       | kilometres<br>kilovolts                                     |
|----------------------------------|---|
| kVA<br>kW                        | kilovolt amperes<br>kilowatts                               |
| kWh                              | kilowatt hours (also referred to as <i>units</i> )          |
| ODV<br>GXP                       | Optimised Deprival Valuation<br>Grid Exit Point             |
| Network Statistics<br>Generation | Electricity provided by embedded generation from Opuha Dam. |

| Generation | Electricity provided by embedded generation from Opuha Dam.  |
|------------|--|
| Import     | Electricity supplied to the Network from Transpower's Network.   |
| Export     | Electricity supplied to Transpower's Network from the Network at Albury GXP due to a surplus of embedded generation over demand. |

#### **Reliability and Performance Measures**

| Class A | planned interruptions by Transpower.                                      |
|---------|---|
| Class B | planned interruptions by Alpine Energy.                                   |
| Class C | unplanned interruptions by Alpine Energy.                                 |
| Class D | unplanned interruptions by Transpower.                                    |
| Class E | unplanned interruptions on 'generation' lines used by Alpine Energy.      |
| Class F | unplanned interruptions on 'generation' lines used by another line owner. |
| Class G | unplanned interruptions caused by another line owner.                     |
| Class H | planned interruptions caused by another line owner.                       |
| Class I | an interruption not referred to in Classes A to H.                        |
|         |   |



#### Certificate of Financial Statements, Performance Measures, and Statistics Disclosed by Line Owners other than Transpower

We, Murray Cleverley and Ian James Bowan, Directors of Alpine Energy Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge,

- (a) the attached audited financial statements of Alpine Energy Limited prepared for the purposes of regulation 6 of the Commerce Commissions Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004 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 Alpine Energy Limited, and having been prepared for the purpose of regulations 14, 15, 20, and 21 of the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004 comply with the requirements of those regulations.

The valuations on which those financial performance measures are based are as at 31 March 2004.

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23 December, 2004





#### **Certification of Valuation Report of Disclosing Entities**

We, Ian James BOWAN and Donald Murray Douglas CLEVERLEY, Directors of Alpine Energy Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge -

- The attached valuation report of Alpine Energy Limited, prepared for the purposes of а requirement 19 of the Commerce Commission's Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004 complies with those Requirements; and
- b The replacement cost of the line business system fixed assets of Alpine Energy Limited is \$191,926,396; and
- c The depreciated replacement cost of the lines business system fixed assets of Alpine Energy Limited is\$83,576,836; and
- d The optimised depreciated replacement cost of the lines business system fixed assets of Alpine Energy Limited is \$82,577,730; and
- e The optimised deprival valuation of the lines business system fixed assets of Alpine Energy Limited is\$81,784,104; and
- The values in paragraphs (b) through to (e) have been prepared in accordance with the ODV f Handbook (as defined in the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004). These valuations are as at 31 March 2004.

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23 December 2004



#### Form 8

#### Statutory Declaration in Respect of Statements and Information Supplied to Secretary

I, <u>Lan</u> <u>James</u> <u>Backan</u> of <u>Timaga</u>, being director of Alpine Energy Limited, solemnly and sincerely declare that having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my knowledge, the information attached to this declaration is a true copy of information made available to the public under the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signed

| J | F | Bauen |
|---|---|-------|
|   | / |       |

Declared at Timaru this

23mm\_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2004

Witnessed

sed JP or Solicitor or Other person authorised to the a statutory Preclaration CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT 2488 OTIPUA ROAD TIMARU

Attached: Alpine Energy Limited Annual Lines Disclosure



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#### **Report of the Auditor-General**

To the readers of the financial statements of Alpine Energy Limited - Lines Business

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Alpine Energy Limited - Lines Business. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of Alpine Energy Limited – Lines Business and its financial position as at 31 March 2004. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

#### **Directors' Responsibilities**

The Commerce Commission's Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004 made under section 57T of the Commerce Act 1986 require the Directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of Alpine Energy Limited - Lines Business as at 31 March 2004, and the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities

Section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and Regulation 30 of the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004 require the Auditor-General to audit the financial statements. It is the responsibility of the Auditor-General to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Directors and report that opinion to you.

The Auditor-General has appointed Maurice Noone of PricewaterhouseCoopers to undertake the audit.

#### **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 and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business' circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standards published by the Auditor-General, which incorporate the Auditing Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have carried out other assignments for Alpine Energy Limited in the provision of other assurance services. Other than these assignments and in our capacity as auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor-General, we have no relationship with or interests in Alpine Energy Limited.



#### **Report of the Auditor-General**

Alpine Energy Limited - Lines Business

#### **Unqualified Opinion**

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

In our opinion:

- (a) proper accounting records have been maintained by Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- (b) the financial statements of Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business:
  - (i) comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - (ii) give a true and fair view of Alpine Energy Limited Lines Business's financial position as at 31 March 2004 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
  - (iii) comply with the Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

Our audit was completed on 24 December 2004 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Maurice Noone PricewaterhouseCoopers On behalf of the Auditor-General Christchurch, New Zealand



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#### Auditor-General's Opinion of Performance Measures of Alpine Energy Limited – Lines Business

We have examined the attached information, being:-

- (a) a derivation table in requirement 15; and
- (b) an annual ODV reconciliation report in requirement 16; and
- (c) financial performance measures in clause 1 of Part 3 of Schedule 1; and
- (d) financial components of the efficiency performance measures in clause 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 1

that were prepared by Alpine Energy Limited – Lines Business and dated 24 December 2004 for the purposes of the Commerce Commission's Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

In our opinion, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge, that information has been prepared in accordance with those Electricity Information Disclosure Requirements 2004.

Maurice Noone PricewaterhouseCoopers On behalf of the Auditor-General Christchurch, New Zealand 24 December 2004



