



**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF BENEFICIARIES HELD AT THE  
ELLERSLIE EVENT CENTRE, 80-100 ASCOT AVENUE, ELLERSLIE ON  
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006 COMMENCING AT 7PM**

**Present**

Trustees Mr W Kyd (Chairman), Mr S Chambers (Deputy Chair), Mr M Buczkowski, Mr J Collinge, Miss K A Sherry  
75 beneficiaries registered their attendance at the meeting.

**In attendance**

Mr M Bogle, Executive Officer, Ms J Stevens (Office Administrator), Mr D Bigio (Legal Adviser)

**Apologies**

Rt Hon Helen Clark, Hon Dr Cullen, Hon David Parker, Hon David Cunliffe, Hon Judith Tizard, Hon Dr Brash, Mayor Sir Barry Curtis, Mr Bob Thomson, Mr John Goulter, Mr Greg Muir.

The Chairman, Mr Kyd, opened the meeting, introduced the Trustees and welcomed everyone including Mr Stiassny (Chairman, Vector Ltd), Mr Franklin (CEO, Vector Ltd), Mr Fredricson (CFO, Vector Ltd) and Mr Mc McKenzie (Vector Ltd).

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting of Beneficiaries held on 2 November 2005 were tabled and received.

The Chairman then handed over to the Executive Officer, Mr Bogle who introduced Ms van Straaten and asked her to present the financial report.

**Financial Statements**

Ms van Straaten of Staples Rodway presented a summary of the Trust accounts for the year ending 30 June 2006.

Copies of the Annual Report including the Consolidated Financial Statements were available at the meeting.

**Chairman's Review**

The Chairman presented his review for the year, noting the major change from the Trust holding 100% of the shares in Vector to a majority shareholding with 75.1% of Vector's shares following its purchase of NGC.

The Chairman then called on Ross Malcolm, Manager, CAPEX Delivery, Vector Ltd, to present his report on the Overhead Improvement Programme.

**Overhead Improvement Programme**

Ross Malcolm outlined the OIP programme of works to the value of \$10.5 million completed in the financial year ending 30 June 2006. The report would be available on the Trust website.

**Appointment of Auditor**

Having received notification just earlier that day that an alternative auditor may be nominated at the meeting by Mr O'Brien, the Chairman advised that the notice of meeting recommending the appointment of Grant Thornton had been notified on 4 October 2006 and there had not been time to interview an alternative firm.

**Moved :** Mr Cairns

**Seconded :** Mr Greer

**That in accordance with section 158C(1) of the Electricity Act 1992, Grant Thornton be appointed as auditors of the Auckland Energy Consumer Trust for the ensuing year.**

**Discussion**

Mr O'Brien challenged the procedure put to the meeting on the basis that the Section 158C(1) of the Electricity Act 1992 states that "...the beneficiaries appoint an auditor...".

Mr Bigio's advice was that a motion to appoint a new auditor could not be accepted as Trustees had not had an opportunity to ensure that the firm proposed was qualified pursuant to the Electricity Act. If the motion to appoint Grant Thornton does not carry it does not leave the Trust in a vacuum as the Act allows for the default appointment of the Auditor-General. If a beneficiary wished to propose a different auditor for the subsequent year, then it could be given proper evaluation.

Mr Kyd then put the motion which was  
**Carried**

**Fixing of Remuneration of the Auditor**

The Chairman declined to take another motion from Mr O'Brien regarding the fees and expenses of the auditor.

**Moved: Mr Carmichael**

**Seconded: Mr Cairns**

**That, in accordance with section 158C(3) of the Electricity Act 1992, the Trust be authorized to fix the fees and expenses of the auditors for the ensuing year.**  
**Carried**

Mr Kyd then opened the meeting to an open forum and invited questions from the floor.

The main points of discussion were the question of whether it was possible to increase annual expenditure on undergrounding and the selection of areas for undergrounding.

Trustees responded to questions regarding the purchase of NGC and whether there was any intention of selling off the next 25% or 75% of the company.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

Confirmed : .....

Date : ..... 22/11/06 .....