



PRESS RELEASE

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MainPower to carry out extensive maintenance in North Canterbury

MainPower is carrying out extensive maintenance on the Mouse Point to Hanmer Springs 33kV sub-transmission line. The line supplies Leslie Hills, Marble Point, Lochiel and Hanmer Springs Substations.

The line, built 70 years ago is maintained on a five year cycle to ensure the supply of electricity continues to be reliable and safe.

All poles and other hardware have been assessed and work will range from changing complete pole structures to tightening cross-arm bolts. Approximately 40 poles will be replaced by 14 work crews over a four day period. A further 20 poles will be changed without any affect on the supply of electricity.

The work will take place from 5th – 8th May. While the power line will be removed from service during the maintenance work, power will continue to be supplied to almost all customers in the affected area by four large generators. All affected customers will receive a letter from their Electricity Retailer, advising their outage times. Customers supplied by the generators will have a very short power outage at the end of each work day while the supply is transferred from the generators back to the lines.

The difficult terrain and the cross country route of the power line will make this a challenging job for MainPower. MainPower apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks the community, especially landowners whose property we will need to access for their understanding and assistance.

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