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Dear Mike

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AVAILABILITY FOR A PROPOSED SILVERLIGHT DEVELOPMENT.
707 WANAKA-LUGGATE SH6 . SEC 1(SO953) BLKII LWSD, PT SEC 64, SEC 65, 66, 67(SO18615) BLKIV
LWSD**

Thank you for your inquiry to ascertain whether a 3-5MVA network connection can be made available to the above development site on the northern side of State Highway 6 opposite Ballantyne Road. We confirm that with reinforcement to the existing upstream network and the addition of new connection assets on site, a staged capacity supply can be made available within the 2-3 year timeframe required. The traditional approach to a connection of this size is to continue to liaise with the customer to ascertain the detailed design requirements, including refinements to the peak demand requirements and the physical location of 11kV switchgear and substation sites.

However, we see an opportunity for a development of this size to explore alternative more sustainable solutions, with the introduction of new technologies and solutions that align to New Zealand's de-carbonisation objectives. Silverlight have shown a strong interest in developing solutions that enable the site to be supplied by renewable energy. Silverlight will work with Aurora Energy to investigate the installation of solar panels (photovoltaics) and battery storage to assist with the generation of local renewable energy and smoothing the peak demand of the site and local network.

Furthermore, Contact Energy responded to an Aurora Energy 2020 RFP seeking non-network solutions to our Cromwell to Wanaka subtransmission capacity constraint and we think there is an opportunity to work with Contact Energy to further improve the renewable energy credentials of the region, increase local resilience and ultimately deliver a more sustainable solution for the region.

In summary, we think the Silverlight studio connection will provide an opportunity (trigger point) to consider alternative (to transporting power from Cromwell) sustainable solutions with benefits to the wider Wanaka community. For the avoidance of doubt, this letter has been written to assist Silverlight's consent application by confirming that a supply can be made available to the site.

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Glenn Coates
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