

# Northpower Electric Power Trust

## ANNUAL PLAN 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

The Trustees will carry out their responsibilities in accordance with the Trust Deed and the law and will specifically:

- 1 Protect the value of the Trust assets and act as Prudent Trustees**
  - 1.1 Seek a fair commercial return from the Trust investment in Northpower Ltd.
  - 1.2 Seek to minimise the risk of the Trust investments in Northpower Ltd.
  - 1.3 Manage cash assets including dividends received in a way that maximises the benefit to Trust beneficiaries.
  
- 2 Northpower Ltd**
  - 2.1 Exercise the rights and responsibilities of diligent shareholders in Northpower Limited for the benefit of the Trust Fund and with due regard to the objective of Northpower Ltd to be a successful business.
  - 2.2 Monitor the performance of Directors
  - 2.3 Advertise for candidates for directors of Northpower Ltd. to replace Nicky Davies-Colley, BBS, MBA, AM Inst D. and R L Steed, JP. who retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment.
  - 2.4 Appoint directors to fill any other vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.
  - 2.5 Agree on the Northpower Statement of Corporate Intent with the directors of Northpower Ltd and make the completed SCI available to the public.
  - 2.6 Meet with the Directors of Northpower Ltd at least four times a year to consider the performance of Northpower Ltd in relation to the Statement of Corporate Intent and other matters of ownership.
  - 2.7 Attend the Annual Meeting of Northpower Ltd and exercise the rights and responsibilities of shareholders at that meeting and at any other general meeting of the company.
  
- 3 Income**
  - 3.1 Receive dividends from Northpower Ltd.
  - 3.2 Hold and invest dividends from Northpower Ltd for at least six months before distribution to satisfy clause 5.3 of the Trust Deed.
  - 3.3 Distribute substantially all remaining income received from Northpower Ltd for the benefit of consumers as provided in the Trust Deed.
  
- 4 Chairperson**

The Trustees have elected Erc Angelo as Chairperson in accordance with the Trust Deed for a three year term ending in November, 2010.

  - 4.1 Deputy Chairperson. The trustees have elected Richard Drake in accordance with the Trust Deed for a three year term ending in November, 2010.

5 **Secretary**

The Trustees have appointed Plus Chartered Accountants to provide secretarial and accounting services to the Trust.

6 **Security of Electricity Supply**

6.1 **Transmission and generation.** The Trust will co-operate with the company and with ETNZ to encourage appropriate grid and network improvements, and adequate generation capacity to service Northpower consumers needs.

7 **ETNZ**

The Northpower Electricity Trust is a member of the Energy Trusts of New Zealand Inc. The Northpower Electricity Trust will seek efficiency in the ETNZ in its objectives of facilitating the operations of Energy Trusts as significant owners of Energy Companies and in supporting trusteeship of Energy Trusts.

8 **Communication**

The Trust will inform consumers of its activities through the news media and through newsletters as appropriate.

The Trust will also maintain a free call telephone number 0800 434 100 and an email address [trustees@northpower.com](mailto:trustees@northpower.com) for the benefit of consumers who wish to contact the Trust.

The Trust will upgrade and maintain its section of the internet website [www.northpower.com](http://www.northpower.com) and post information for the public on it.

9 **Code of Practice**

The Trust has developed and published a 'Code of Practice' that describes the way Trustees will provide accountability to, and access to information for the Trust's beneficiaries. This was first presented for confirmation at the AGM in July 2003, and will be reviewed at each AGM.