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MEDIA STATEMENT
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Awarua Line Update

PowerNet has confirmed a minor design adjustment to a short section of the proposed Awarua Network Project.

As part of final design checks, a minor aerial trespass issue was identified on Mill Road South, where work is yet to begin. In this area, the original line design would have extended slightly over neighbouring properties.

A safe and practical solution has now been approved. Ten poles will shift slightly towards the road (by 20–70cm), while six poles will move slightly further away (by 10–50cm). These are minor side-to-side adjustments within the existing road corridor, and the overall route alignment remains unchanged.

An independent road safety assessment has confirmed that the changes do not impact the overall safety of the road. Only one new pole will be within 3 metres of the edge of the road, and a guardrail will be installed around this pole as recommended.

The project remains on track for completion within the original timeframes. Crews have already been progressing work in nearby areas, including Motu Rimu Road, to keep the wider project moving and reduce future disruption.

PowerNet remains committed to keeping the community informed and minimising disruption as the project progresses. Residents directly affected by these changes have been updated.

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