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Report

TO: Chair Raymond Tout and Members of the Wellington North Power Board of Directors

FROM: Connie Van Andel DATE: June 11, 2011

SUBJECT: **Market Salary Review**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approval of the revised 2011 to 2013 Salary Scale (Appendix A).

2. Approval of the revised 2011 to 2013 On-Call Rates (Appendix B).

REPORT

In developing and implementing the internal equity plan, Wellington North Power made a commitment to employees that they would regularly conduct a market salary review to ensure the WNP salaries remained on par with your comparators. Barcon Consulting Inc. was retained to complete the market salary survey.

The Wellington North Power Internal Equity Plan is developed using the Lineman rate as the anchor rate to ensure that both internal equity and market equity are achieved. To complete the market comparison, data was collected for the Lineman salary from the following power companies.

Comparator	# of Customers	# of Employees
WNP	3892	12
	3409	11.5
	3800	10
	5900	15
	6400	13
	6950	14
	11274	20
	22000	36
Average of Comparators	8533	17.0

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The following chart compares the Wellington North Power Lineman rate with the average job rate in other power companies. All salary information and analyses are based on 2010 rates.

	# of	# of		
Comparator	Customers	Employees	Lineman	On Call Premium
WNP	3892	12	\$31.99	\$203.74
Average of Comparators	8533	17	\$32.76	\$205.86
Difference between WNP &				
Average of Comparators			-\$0.77	-\$2.12
Minimum of Comparators	3409	10	29.06	\$170.00
Maximum of Comparators	22000	36	\$34.52	\$256.00

The original internal equity salary scale was developed by market rating the Lineman position and then using the relative value of positions as compared to the lineman to develop the other internal equity job rates. Using this same methodology again a \$0.77 per hour increase would be applied to all job grades prior to adding the 3% increase for 2011. The revised 2011 – 2013 salary scales are included in Appendix A.

Data was also collected on the on-call rates from the comparators. WNP's on-call rate is slightly below the average of the comparators. It is recommended that WNP on-call rate be increased to the average of the comparators. This would result in a \$2.12 increase to the on-call rate prior to adding the 3% increase for 2011. The revised 2011 – 2013 on-call rates are included in Appendix B.

Appendix A Revised 2011 to 2013 Salary Scale

Recommended 2011 Salary Scale Market Adjusted

			Job
Job Grade	Start Step 1	Step 2	Rate
1	\$14.99	\$15.78	\$16.61
2	\$18.09	\$19.04	\$20.04
3	\$21.17	\$22.29	\$23.46
4	\$24.28	\$25.56	\$26.90
5	\$27.37	\$28.81	\$30.33
6	\$30.45	\$32.05	\$33.74
7	\$33.55	\$35.32	\$37.18
8	\$36.64	\$38.57	\$40.60
9	\$39.74	\$41.83	\$44.03
10	\$42.82	\$45.08	\$47.45
11	\$45.93	\$48.35	\$50.89
12	\$49.01	\$51.59	\$54.31

Apprentice	Start	After probation	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
	\$21.42	\$23.07	\$24.71	\$26.36	\$28.01	\$30.37

Recommended 2012 Salary Scale Market Adjusted

			Job
Job Grade	Start Step 1	Step 2	Rate
1	\$15.44	\$16.25	\$17.11
2	\$18.63	\$19.61	\$20.64
3	\$21.80	\$22.95	\$24.16
4	\$25.01	\$26.32	\$27.71
5	\$28.19	\$29.68	\$31.24
6	\$31.36	\$33.01	\$34.75
7	\$34.57	\$36.39	\$38.30
8	\$37.74	\$39.73	\$41.82
9	\$40.93	\$43.08	\$45.35
10	\$44.11	\$46.43	\$48.87
11	\$47.31	\$49.80	\$52.42
12	\$50.49	\$53.14	\$55.94

		After		3rd	4th	5th
Apprentice	Start	probation	2nd year	year	year	year
	\$22.06	\$23.76	\$25.46	\$27.15	\$28.85	\$31.28

Recommended 2013 Salary Scale Market Adjusted

			Job
Job Grade	Start Step 1	Step 2	Rate
1	\$15.90	\$16.74	\$17.62
2	\$19.19	\$20.20	\$21.26
3	\$22.45	\$23.64	\$24.88
4	\$25.76	\$27.11	\$28.54
5	\$29.04	\$30.57	\$32.18
6	\$32.30	\$34.00	\$35.79
7	\$35.60	\$37.48	\$39.45
8	\$38.87	\$40.92	\$43.07
9	\$42.16	\$44.37	\$46.71
10	\$45.43	\$47.82	\$50.34
11	\$48.73	\$51.29	\$53.99
12	\$52.00	\$54.74	\$57.62

		After		3rd	4th	5th
Apprentice	Start	probation	2nd year	year	year	year
	\$22.72	\$24.47	\$26.22	\$27.97	\$29.72	\$32.21

Appendix B Revised 2011 to 2013 On-Call Rates

Employee Entitlement

- **1.** Employees will be paid the following on call premium for the weeks they are on call:
 - Effective January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 \$204.18
 - Effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 \$210.31
 - Effective January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 **\$216.62**
- 2. When an employee is called out to perform work outside normal working hours not contiguous with assigned hours he/she shall be paid as follows subject to the following provisions:
 - A minimum of three (3) hours pay at time and one half when called out between normal quitting time and normal starting time (regular, not flex hours). All calls received within one (1) hour of the previous call shall be considered the same call for purposes of this provision.