

Company Name	<u>Alpine Energy Limited</u>
For Year Ended	<u>31 March 2013</u>

## Schedule 14 Mandatory Explanatory Notes

*(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012)*

1. This Schedule requires EDBs to provide explanatory notes to information provided in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, and 2.5.2.
2. This Schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.7.1. Information provided in boxes 1 to 12 of this schedule is part of the audited disclosure information, and so is subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. Schedule 15 (Voluntary Explanatory Notes to Schedules) provides for EDBs to give additional explanation of disclosed information should they elect to do so.

### *Return on Investment (Schedule 2)*

4. In the box below, comment on return on investment as disclosed in Schedule 2. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).

#### **Box 1: Explanatory comment on return on investment**

Our return on investment (ROI)—comparable to a post tax WACC for 2012 is 1.97% and for 2013 is 2.10%. Our resulting ROI in each year is a third of the applicable mid-point estimate of the post tax WACCs of 6.40% and 5.85%<sup>1</sup> respectively.

This result is expected as we are subject to the CPI+10% cap under the reset of the default price-quality path.

To mitigate price shocks the Commission capped our prices increases to under that which would have applied had prices, as at 1 April 2010, been set based on the input methodologies.

Our prices as at 1 April 2013 would have had to increase by more than 20% for our ROI to be equal to the post tax WACC. We support the Commission's decision to apply the CPI+10% price cap as increases of more than 20% would have been problematic for many of our consumers.

<sup>1</sup> The cost of capital mid-point estimate of vanilla and post-tax WACC for 2013 and 2012, of 6.40% and 5.85% respectively was sourced from the Commerce Commission's cost of capital determinations 2011 to 2013.

*Regulatory Profit (Schedule 3)*

5. In the box below, comment on regulatory profit for the disclosure year as disclosed in Schedule 3. This comment must include-
  - 5.1 a description of material items included in 'other regulatory line income' other than gains and losses on asset sales, as disclosed in 3(i) of Schedule 3
  - 5.2 Information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).

**Box 2: Explanatory comment on regulatory profit**

Other regulatory income of \$28,584 is made up of sundry revenue. We consider sundry revenue to be regulated revenue other than lines charge revenue and assets disposed.

We did not reclassify items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2) during the period.

*Merger and acquisition expenses (3(iv) of Schedule 3)*

6. If the EDB incurred merger and acquisitions expenditure during the disclosure year, provide the following information in the box below-
  - 6.1 information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2)
  - 6.2 Any other commentary on the benefits of the merger and acquisition expenditure to the EDB.

**Box 3: Explanatory comment on merger and acquisition expenditure**

Not applicable, we did not merge with or acquire any other regulated business during the period.

*Value of the Regulatory Asset Base (Schedule 4)*

7. In the box below, comment on the value of the regulatory asset base (rolled forward) in Schedule 4. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).

**Box 4: Explanatory comment on the value of the regulatory asset based (rolled forward)**

The value of our regulatory asset base (RAB) for the year ended 31 March 2013 is \$153.2 million. This is an increase of \$21.4 million when compared to the RAB as at 31 March 2012. The increase is largely due to \$29.1 million of commissioned assets during the period.

We closed over 400 jobs that had not been closed during the previous periods. We also completed several large capital projects during the period such as:



- \$2.9 million in new subdivision and extensions, and transformers
- \$2.6 million associated with Grasmere Street Zone Substation
- \$1.8 million on line and pole upgrades
- \$1.1 million associated with Alpine’s Rangitata and Pareora Zone Substations
- \$0.9 million of double circuit cabling North Street to Redurth

We did not reclassify any items during the period.

*Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of permanent differences (5a(i) of Schedule 5a)*

8. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of the following items, as recorded in the asterisked categories in 5a(i) of Schedule 5a-

- 8.1 income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable;
- 8.2 expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible;
- 8.3 income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable;
- 8.4 Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax.

**Box 5: Regulatory tax allowance: permanent differences**

- Income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable—nil
- Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible:
  - non-deductible entertainment expenditure of \$2,154 (\$602 tax effect)
  - GST on prior year non-deductible entertainment expenditure of \$693 (\$194 tax effect)
  - Non-deductible legal fees of \$2,262 (\$633 tax effect).
- Income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable—revaluations—nil.
- Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax—nil.

*Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of temporary differences (5a(vi) of Schedule 5a)*

9. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of items recorded in the asterisked category ‘Tax effect of other temporary differences’ in 5a(vi) of Schedule 5a.

**Box 6: Temporary differences / Tax effect of other temporary differences (current disclosure year)**

The other temporary differences include:

- closing 2013 temporary differences:
  - employee entitlements of \$430,669 (\$120,587 tax effect)
  - ACC accrual of \$42,054 (\$11,775 tax effect)
  - sponsorship adjustments of \$10,659 (\$2,984 tax effect)
- closing 2012 temporary differences:
  - employee entitlements of \$402,820 (\$112,840 tax effect)
  - provision for doubtful debts of \$81,362 (\$22,680 tax effect)
  - revaluation of investment property of \$492,617 (\$138,040 tax effect)
  - disposal adjustment of \$7,706 (\$2,240 tax effect)
- closing 2011 temporary differences:
  - employee entitlements of \$317,008 (\$95,000 tax effect)
  - provision for doubtful debts of \$81,362 (\$24,300 tax effect)
  - disposal adjustment of \$406,565 (\$122,100 tax effect)
  - revaluation of investment property of \$310,288 (\$94,200 tax effect)
- closing 2010 temporary differences:
  - employee entitlements of \$284,366 (\$85,309 tax effect)
  - provision for doubtful debts of \$87,929 (\$26,379 tax effect)
  - Disposal adjustment of \$397,542 (\$119,262 tax effect).

*Related party transactions: disclosure of related party transactions (Schedule 5b)*

10. In the box below, provide descriptions of related party transactions beyond those disclosed on schedule 5b including identification and descriptions as to the nature of directly attributable costs disclosed under clause 2.3.6(1)(b).

**Box 7: Related party transactions**

Netcon Limited is our subsidiary, it offers a wide range of professional services to us and to other distribution lines companies, large and small consumers. Professional services over the year has included, but is not limited to:

- line construction
- technical services
- land development
- asset management
- substation & distribution
- industrial electrical

We apply ACAM and therefore all of our related party costs are directly attributable.

*Cost allocation (Schedule 5d)*



11. In the box over page, comment on cost allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5d. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).

**Box 8: Cost allocation**

At prior disclosure years (e.g., 31 March 2012), corporate costs had a 'not directly attributable' portion of 15% and a 'directly attributable' portion of 85% based on the historical ratio of unregulated revenue to total regulated revenue. All other costs were classified as 'directly attributable' to the regulated service.

Our ratio of unregulated revenue to total revenue for the current disclosure year is 18.2%, calculated as follows:

Unregulated Revenue	<u>\$6,971,577</u>
Total Regulated Revenue	\$38,386,181
Ratio of	= 18.2%.

Alpine has therefore applies the ACAM methodology to allocate is 'not directly attributable' costs and assets, in accordance with clause 2.1.2 (2)(a) and (3) of the IM Determination. Hence all corporate costs are allocated to the regulated service at 100%.

*Asset allocation (Schedule 5e)*

12. In the box below, comment on asset allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5e. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).

**Box 9: Commentary on asset allocation**

We are using ACAM, because our ratio of regulated to non-regulated revenue is less than 20%, and accordingly we classify all assets, including those that are considered to be 'not directly attributable' as directly attributable.

No items have been reclassified during the period.

*Capital Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6a)*

13. In the box below, comment on capital expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6a. This comment must include-
- 13.1 a description of the materiality threshold applied to identify material projects and programmes described in Schedule 6a;
  - 13.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2),

**Box 10: Explanation of capital expenditure for the disclosure year**

Capital expenditure for the period was \$23.8 million compared to \$3.1 million for 2012.

We do not apply a materiality threshold to identify material CAPEX projects and programmes. All of our CAPEX spend is given a project number within our accounting system Nimbus against which forecast expenditure and actual expenditure is set. The materiality of our CAPEX projects is based on impact of the project on the network, resource availability, etc. not a monetary threshold.

No items have been reclassified during the period.

*Operational Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6b)*

14. In the box below, comment on operational expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6b. This comment must include-
- 14.1 commentary on assets replaced or renewed with asset replacement and renewal operating expenditure, as reported in 6b(i) of Schedule 6b;
  - 14.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2);
  - 14.3 Commentary on any material atypical expenditure included in operational expenditure disclosed in Schedule 6b, a including the value of the expenditure the purpose of the expenditure, and the operational expenditure categories the expenditure relates to.

**Box 11: Explanation of operational expenditure for the disclosure year**

OPEX was \$12.3 million for the period with asset replacement and renewal accounting for \$378k (or 9% of the total OPEX spend).

No items have been reclassified during the period.

*Variance between forecast and actual expenditure (Schedule 7)*

15. In the box over page, comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure for the disclosure year, as reported in Schedule 7. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2).



**Box 12: Explanatory comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure**

Our capital expenditure, at schedule 7, indicates that we exceeded budget for the period by 69%. Target capital expenditure was \$17.1 million whereas actual was \$28.9 million. The variance is attributable to us closing more than 400 jobs from previous periods during the year, and the completion of several large projects that were commissioned during the period.

We underspent for operating expenditure over the period by 20%. Target operating expenditure was \$15.4 million whereas actual expenditure was \$12.3 million. This result is largely attributable to an under spend in IT Services. In 2013 we created a new IT Services group within Alpine Energy to drive our significant IT programme. We were unable to secure all our budgeted resources before the end of the period.

*Information relating to revenue and quantities for the disclosure year*

16. In the box below provide-

- 16.1 a comparison of the target revenue disclosed before the start of the disclosure year, in accordance with clauses 2.4.1 and 2.4.3(3) to total billed line charge revenue for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 8; and
- 16.2 Explanatory comment on reasons for any material differences between target revenue and total billed line charge revenue.

**Box 13: Explanatory comment relating to revenue for the disclosure year**

Target revenue for 2012/13 was \$38.5 million our total billed line charge revenue was \$38.9 million. This is a variance of \$383k (or 1%), which is not considered to be material.

*Network Reliability for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 10)*

17. In the box below, comment on network reliability for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 10.

**Box 14: Commentary on network reliability for the disclosure year**

Our reliability performance was within the targets for the period. Our SAIDI performance was 148.27 SAIDI minutes, some 15.95 SAIDI minutes below target. And our SAIFI was 1.3 interruptions, some 0.4 interruptions below target. We did not experience any major event days during the period.

Network reliability is compliant with quality requirements under the default price-quality path, however there are inherent limitations in ability of Alpine Energy Limited to collect and record the network reliability information required to be disclosed in Reports 10(i) to 10(iv). Consequently there is no independent evidence available to support the completeness and accuracy of recorded faults and control over the completeness and accuracy of installation control point ('ICP') data included in the SAIDI and SAIFI calculations

is limited throughout the year.

*Insurance cover*

18. In the box below provide details of any insurance cover for the assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including-
- 18.1 the EDB's approaches and practices in regard to the insurance of assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including the level of insurance;
  - 18.2 in respect of any self insurance, the level of reserves, details of how reserves are managed and invested, and details of any reinsurance.

**Box 15: Explanation of insurance cover**

We insure our vehicles and buildings (including substations) and have public liability insurance. We do not insure our network, for example poles and lines as the premiums are prohibitive. And we do not self-insure.



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## Schedule 14a Mandatory Explanatory Notes on Forecast Information

*(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012)*

1. This Schedule provides for EDBs to provide explanatory notes to reports prepared in accordance with clause 2.6.5.
2. This Schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.7.2. This information is not part of the audited disclosure information, and so is not subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.

*Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure forecasts (Schedule 11a)*

3. In the box below, comment on the difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 11a.

**Box 1: Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure forecasts**

To derive the capital expenditure in nominal dollar terms the constant price forecasts were inflated by approximately 2% per annum, on a straight-line basis, to derive the 10-year forecast. 2% was selected as a conservative inflationary rate based on New Zealand Treasury 10-year out look. Therefore the difference between nominal and constant expenditure forecasts is an inflationary impact of 2% per year.

*Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure forecasts (Schedule 11b)*

4. In the box below, comment on the difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 11b.

**Box 2: Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure forecasts**

To derive the operational expenditure in nominal dollar terms the constant price forecasts were deflated by approximately 2% per annum, on a straight-line basis, to derive the 10-year forecast. The expenditure is reducing to reflect the expected efficiency gains per annum that will be found by improvements to our processes and practices. We expect to share these benefits with customers by reducing our operating expenditure, in real terms, over the next 10 years. Therefore the difference between nominal and constant operational expenditure forecasts is a reduction of 2% per year.

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**Schedule 14b Mandatory Explanatory Notes on Transitional Financial Information**

*(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012)*

1. This Schedule provides for EDBs to provide explanatory notes to the transitional financial information disclosed in accordance with clause 2.12.1.
2. This Schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.12.1. This information is part of the audited disclosure information, and so is subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. In the box below provide explanatory comment on the tax effect of other temporary differences for the years ending 31 March 2010, 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2012 (as reported in Schedule 5h(vii)).

**Box 1: Commentary on tax effect of other temporary differences (years ended 31 March 2010, 31 March 2011, and 31 March 2012)**

**2010 Temporary Differences**

The 2010 temporary differences were made up of:

- Closing Temporary Differences
  - Employee entitlements: \$284,366 (tax effect \$85,310)
  - Provision for doubtful debts: \$87,930 (tax effect \$26,379)
  - Disposal adjustment: \$397,542 (tax effect \$119,263)
  - *Opening Temporary Differences*
  - Employee entitlements: \$371,480 (tax effect \$111,444)
  - Disposal adjustment: \$941,053 (tax effect \$282,315.83)
- *Net temporary differences: \$542,695 (tax effect \$162,808)*

**2011 Temporary Differences**

The 2011 temporary differences were made up of:

- *Closing Temporary Differences*
  - Employee entitlements: \$317,008 (tax effect \$95,000)
  - Provision for doubtful debts: \$81,362 (tax effect \$24,300)
  - Disposal adjustment: \$406,565 (tax effect \$122,100)

- Revaluation of investment property: \$310,288 (tax effect \$94,200)
- *Opening Temporary Differences*
- Employee entitlements: \$284,366 (tax effect \$85,310)
- Provision for doubtful debts: \$87,930 (tax effect \$26,379)
- Disposal adjustment: \$397,542 (tax effect \$119,263)
- *Net temporary differences*: \$349,162 (tax effect \$104,749)

### 2012 Temporary Differences

The 2012 temporary differences were made up of:

- *Closing Temporary Differences*
- Employee entitlements: \$402,820 (tax effect \$112,840)
- Provision for doubtful debts: \$81,362 (tax effect \$22,680)
- Disposal adjustment: \$7,706 (tax effect \$2,240)
- Revaluation of investment property: \$492,617 (tax effect \$138,040)
- *Opening Temporary Differences*
- Employee entitlements: \$317,008 (tax effect \$88,760)
- Provision for doubtful debts: \$81,362 (tax effect \$22,680)
- Disposal adjustment: \$406,565 (tax effect \$113,960)
- Revaluation of investment property: \$310,288 (tax effect \$87,920)
- *Net temporary differences*: \$134,000 (tax effect \$37,520)

4. To the extent that any change in regulatory profit and ROI reported for 2013 (compared to that reported for 2012) is attributable to the change in treatment of related party transactions, provide an explanation of the change in the box below.

**Box 2: Change in regulatory profit and ROI due to change in treatment of related party transactions**

None of the change in regulatory profit and ROI reported for 2013 (compared to that reported for 2012) is attributable to the change in treatment of related party transactions.



5. In the box below, comment on asset allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5e. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with clause 2.7.1(2) for disclosure years 2011 and 2012.

**Box 3: Commentary on asset allocation**

We are using ACAM, because our ratio of regulated to non-regulated revenue is less than 20%, and accordingly we classify all assets, including those that are considered to be 'not directly attributable' as directly attributable.

No items have been reclassified during the period.

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## Schedule 15 Voluntary Explanatory Notes

*(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012)*

1. This Schedule enable EDBs to provide, should they wish to-
  - 1.1 additional explanatory comment to reports prepared in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, and 2.6.5;
  - 1.2 Information on any substantial changes to information disclosed in relation to a prior disclosure year, as a result of final wash-ups.
2. Information in this Schedule is not part of the audited disclosure information, and so is not subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. Provide additional explanatory comment in the box below.

### Box 1: Voluntary explanatory comment on disclosed information

An exemption, in accordance with section 2.11 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (determination), was granted for the following measures:

- (i) overhead circuit requiring vegetation management, measured in circuit length (km), at Schedule 9c: report on overhead lines and underground cables; and
- (ii) 6a(iii): Consumer Connection broken down into consumer types at Schedule 6a: report on capital expenditure for the disclosure year.

We do not currently record, in kilometres, the overhead circuit length requiring vegetation management within a database, rather our records are simple paper based records making it impossible to report the measure as is required by the determination. We will scope the capture of the necessary data into a database to report this measure as part of our wider IT systems review.

We have not historically kept information for customer connection capital expenditure by customer type in our accounting system and accordingly we cannot provide the breakdown at this time. We will amend our processes and systems (both financial and billing) so as customer connection jobs can be assigned with the necessary information to match expenditure to customer type for reporting purposes.

The exemption applies, to both measures, for two years (i.e. 2012/13 and 2013/14 disclosure years) to give us time to capture the required data in the appropriate format.





## ***Independent Auditor's Report***

### ***To the Directors of Alpine Energy Limited and to the Commerce Commission***

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Alpine Energy Limited (the Company). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Mark Bramley, using the staff and resources of PricewaterhouseCoopers, to provide an opinion, on her behalf, on whether Schedules 1 to 4, 5a to 5i, 6a and 6b, 7, Schedule 10 sub-schedules (i) to (iv), the explanatory notes disclosed in boxes 1 to 12 of Schedule 14 and the explanatory comments in Schedule 14b ('the Disclosure Information') for the disclosure year ended 31 March 2013, have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (the 'Determination').

#### ***Directors' responsibility for the Disclosure Information***

The directors of the Company are responsible for preparation of the Disclosure Information in accordance with the Determination, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Disclosure Information that is free from material misstatement.

#### ***Auditor's responsibility for the Disclosure Information***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Disclosure Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination.

#### ***Basis of opinion***

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000: *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the External Reporting Board and the Standard on Assurance Engagements 3100: *Compliance Engagements* issued by the External Reporting Board.

These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform our audit to provide reasonable assurance (which is also referred to as 'audit' assurance) about whether the Disclosure Information has been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Determination.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Disclosure Information. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Disclosure Information, whether due to fraud or error or non-compliance with the Determination. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation of the Disclosure Information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of assumptions used and whether they have been consistently applied; and
- the reasonableness of the significant judgements made by the directors of the Company.



We believe that the recorded evidence and explanations we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion expressed below.

***Use of this report***

This independent auditor's report has been prepared for the directors of the Company and for the Commerce Commission for the purpose of providing those parties with independent audit assurance about whether the Disclosure Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any person other than the directors of the Company or the Commerce Commission, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

***Scope and inherent limitations***

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit engagement, and the test basis of the procedures performed, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected.

We did not examine every transaction, adjustment or event underlying the Disclosure Information nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the Disclosure Information. Also we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the Disclosure Information.

The opinion expressed in this independent auditor's report has been formed on the above basis.

***Independence***

When carrying out the engagement we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the External Reporting Board. We also complied with the independent auditor requirements specified in clause 1.4.3 of the Determination.

Other than this engagement, the annual audit of the Company's financial statements, an assignment providing assurance over compliance with the Commerce Act (Electricity Distribution Default Price-Quality Path) Determination 2010 and a limited scope non-assurance engagement, we have no relationship with or interests in the Company or any of its subsidiaries. We are not aware of any relationships between our firm and Alpine Energy Limited that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to impair our independence.

***Basis for Qualified Opinion on Schedules 10(i) to 10(iv)***

As described in Box 14 of Schedule 14, there are inherent limitations in the ability of the Company to collect and record the network reliability information required to be disclosed in Schedules 10(i) to 10(iv). Consequently there is no independent evidence available to support the completeness and accuracy of recorded faults and control over the completeness and accuracy of interconnection point ('ICP') data included in the SAIDI and SAIFI calculations is limited throughout the year.

There are no practical audit procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all the faults and ICP data was properly recorded for the purposes of inclusion in the amounts relating to quality measures set out in Schedules 10(i) to 10(iv). Because of the potential effect of the limitations described above, we are unable to form an opinion as to the completeness and accuracy of the data that forms the basis of the compilation of Schedules 10(i) to 10(iv).

In these respects alone we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.





**Qualified Opinion**

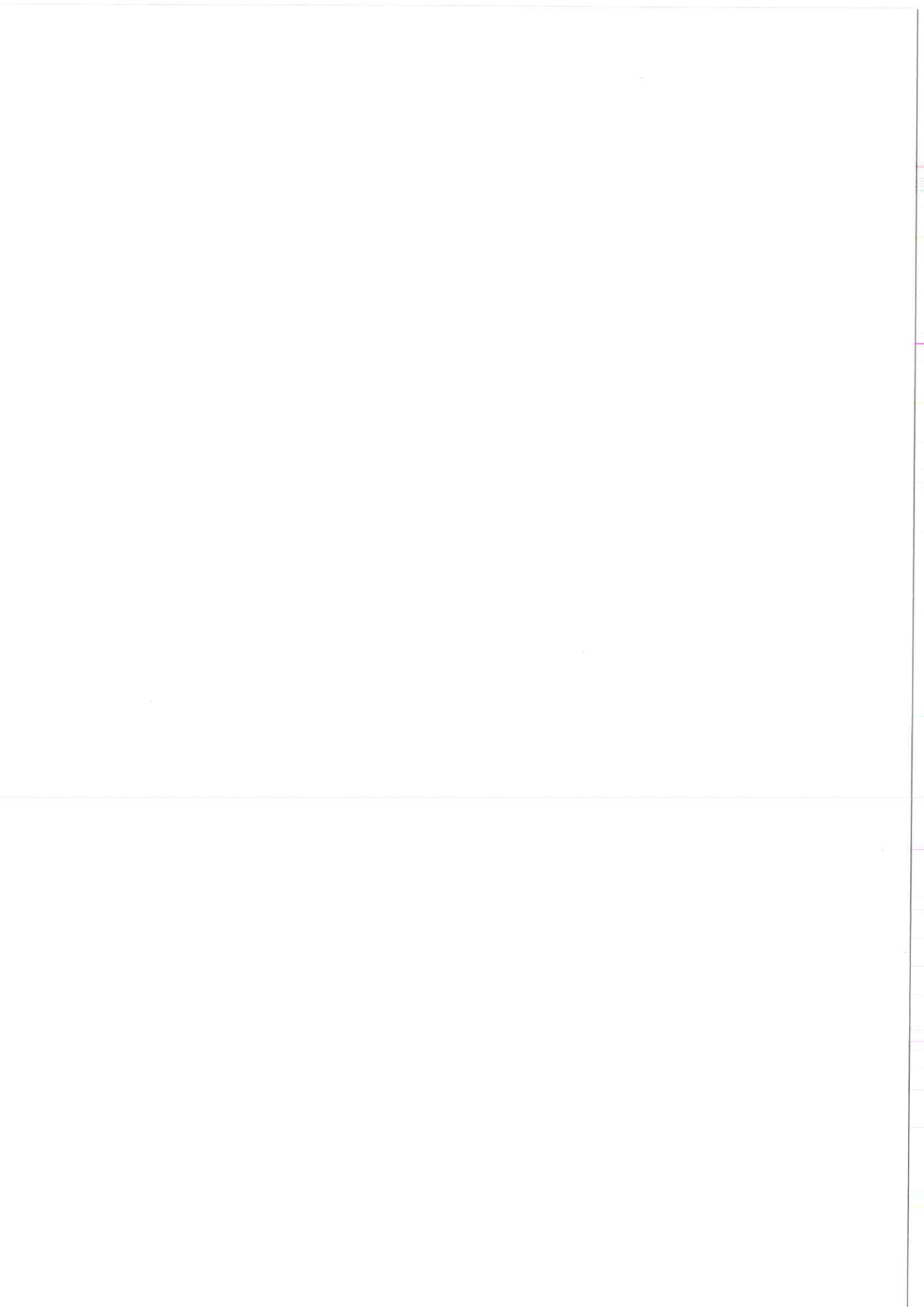
In our opinion, except for the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph above:

- As far as appears from an examination of them, proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the Disclosure Information have been kept by the Company;
- The information used in the preparation of the Disclosure Information has been properly extracted from the Company's accounting and other records and has been sourced, where appropriate, from the Company's financial and non-financial systems; and
- The Company has complied with the Determination, in all material respects, in preparing the Disclosure Information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Bramley'.

Mark Bramley  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Dunedin, New Zealand  
30 August 2013





## Certification for year-end disclosures

Clause 2.9.2 of section 2.9

We, Alister John France and Warren Arthur Larsen, being directors of Alpine Energy Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge—

- a) the information prepared for the purposes of clauses 2.3.1 and 2.3.2; and clauses 2.4.21 and 2.4.22; clauses 2.5.1 and 2.5.2; and clauses 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 of the *Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012* in all material respects complies with that determination; and
- b) the historical information used in the preparation of Schedules 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 10, 14a, and 14b has been properly extracted from Alpine Energy Limited's accounting and other records sourced from its financial and non-financial systems, and that sufficient appropriate records have been retained.

In respect of related party costs and revenues recorded in accordance with clauses 2.3.6(1) (when valued in accordance with clause 2.2.11(5)(h)(ii) of the *Electricity Distribution Services Input methodologies Determination 2010*), 2.3.6(2)(f) and 2.3.7(2)(b), we certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, including enquiries of our related parties, we are satisfied that to the best of our knowledge and belief the costs and revenues recorded for related party transactions reasonably reflect the price or prices that would have been paid or received had these transactions been at arm's-length.



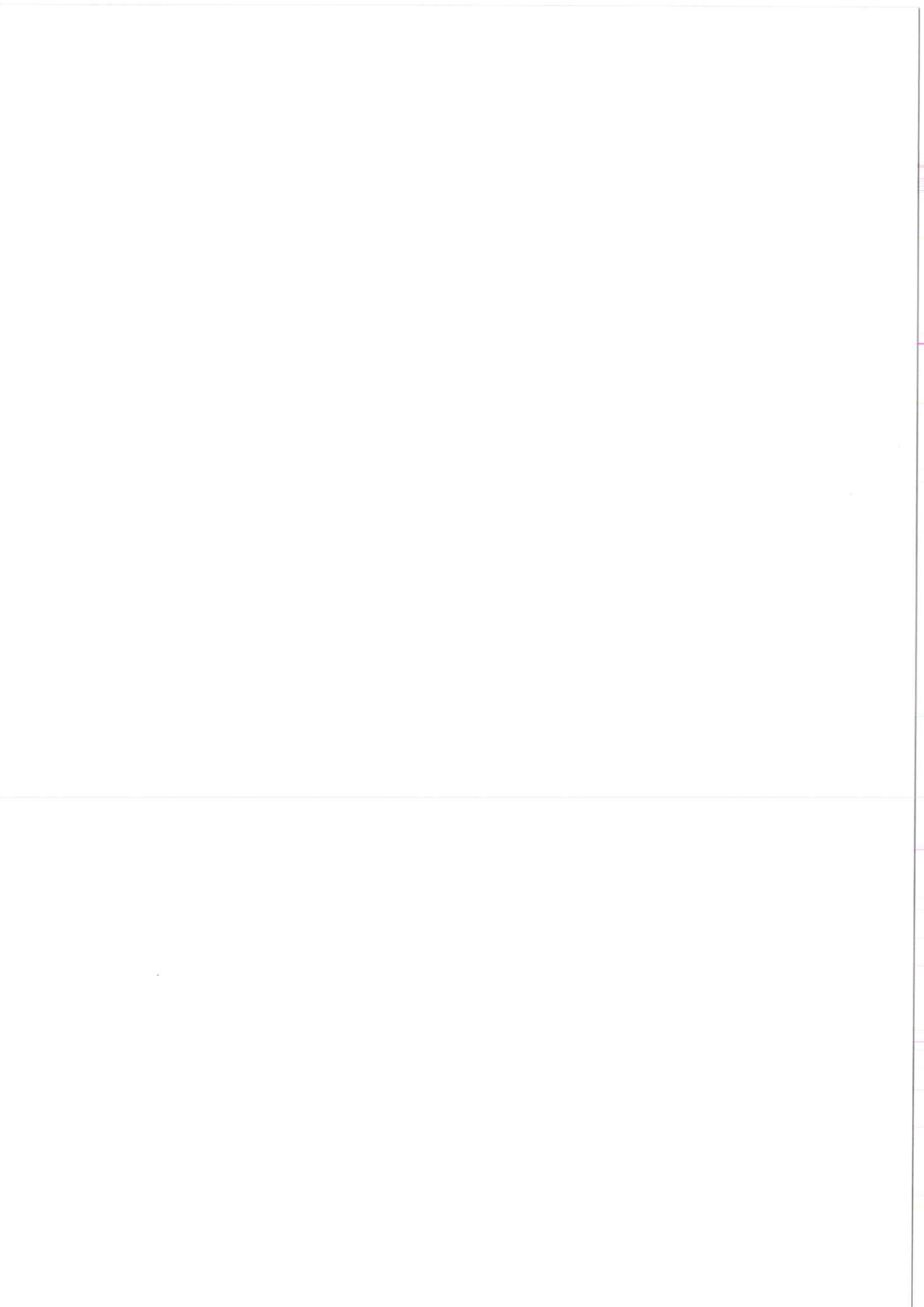
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Alister John France  
30 August 2013



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Warren Arthur Larsen  
30 August 2013





## Certification for transitional disclosures

Clause 2.9.3 of section 2.9

We, Alister John France and Warren Arthur Larsen, being directors of Alpine Energy Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge, the information prepared for the purpose of clauses 2.12.1, 2.12.2, 2.12.3, and 2.12.5 of the *Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure determination 2012* in all material respects complies with that determination.



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Alister John France  
30 August 2013



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Warren Arthur Larsen  
30 August 2013

