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Ruapehu District Council

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COUNCIL COMMISSIONS REPORT INTO ELECTRICITY LINES CHARGES IN RUAPEHU

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) Mayor, Sue Morris, has confirmed that council has given the "go ahead" to the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) to start their research report into the business practices of The Lines Company (TLC) for the purposes of "*exploring and resolving the issues around the affordability of lines charges in the Ruapehu district*".

Mayor Morris said that the RDC felt it had no choice but to commission the NZIER report after sustained community concern and advice that TLC's charging regime was significantly impacting on Ruapehu communities and business sustainability.

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