

25 November 2025

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#).

Your request for information was received on 3 November 2025 and requested correspondence relating to ownership of streetlight fittings and circuits between 10 October 1990 and September 2025. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

"I'm doing some research for early 1990's correspondence around streetlighting ownership with Powerco Ltd or Midwestern PowerCo Ltd, on who owns streetlight fittings and who owns streetlight circuits in the Rangitikei area. Would the council have correspondence on this topic on file? Dates would be between 10 October 1990 to September 1995. Any information on this topic would be greatly appreciated".

Response:

Council has searched its historical archival records and archives and has located 12 pieces of correspondence between Council and Powerco LTD or Midwestern PowerCo. While some of this correspondence relates to location / charging, rather than specifically to ownership, we felt it would be helpful to provide what we have located to you. The correspondence is attached in chronological order as per the table below. The reference numbers in the attachment titles relate to archival references.

Attachment Number	Reference
Attachment 1	(E1) 20251105_105842 Powerco to Council, 30.5.1991 Location of pad mount transformers for approval (E40-10 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 2	(E2) 20251105_133348 Powerco to Council, 4.7.1001 Hunterville highway lighting charges (E40-10 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 3	R1a. 20251105_111325 MWP to RDC, 21.11.1991 (R701911 in A-2020-11 Archives Central)
Attachment 4	R2a. 20251105_111342 MWP to RDC, 20.12.1991 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11 Archives Central)

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Attachment 5	R2c. 20251105_111456 RDC to MWP, Flag-lighting, 27.02.1992 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11 Archives Central)
Attachment 6	R1b. 20251105_111420 RDC to MWP, Mercury vapour lighting at Ratana, 27.02.1992 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11 Archives Central)
Attachment 7	R3a. 20251105_111150 MWP to RDC (fax) 11.06.1992 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11 Archives Central)
Attachment 8	R3b. 20251105_111244 RDC to MWP, 18.06.1992 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 9	(E3) 20251112_104246 Powerco to Council, 10.9.92 Confirming Company name (E40-10 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 10	(E4) 20251112_110020 Powerco to Council, 28.4.1993 New tariff codes (E40-10 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 11	R4. 20251105_113319 RDC to Powerco, 19.06.1994 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)
Attachment 12 (pages 1 and 2)	Page 1: R5a. 20251105_113411 RDC to Powerco, 21.03.1995 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11, Archives Central) Page 2: R5b. 20251105_113359 p.2 of RDC to Powerco 21.03.1995 (R70-1011 in A-2020-11, Archives Central)

Please note that we have used our best endeavours to locate all relevant correspondence, and we believe that we have located and provided everything we hold. If you believe that there is anything missing in the correspondence provided, which you expected to be there, please let us know the details of this.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Officer
Rangitikei District Council

Enclosed:

- Attachments 1 – 12 as detailed above

NOTE: Attachments released to the requester have not been proactively released due to size, accessibility, or administrative reasons. They may be requested under LGOIMA.

Please email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz to request these.