



**To Operate Machinery within 4.0 Metres to Overhead Electric Power Lines
and/or 5.0 Metres to any Westpower Assets/Electrical Equipment**

In Compliance with NZ Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34)

You must complete this request if:

- You need your machine to work closer than 4.0 metres to overhead power lines;
- You need to disturb ground closer than 5.0 metres to Westpower assets/electrical equipment.

This form shall be received no later than 3 working days prior to you starting work.

Applicant	Company		
Address			
Telephone	Mobile		
Email			
On-Site Supervisor	Contact/	Mobile	
Works description			
Area of works – <i>Please include map of area</i>			
Between Westpower ID / Pole No.		and	
Start of work date	Finish work date – <i>Max 30 Days</i>		
Daily work hours	Hours	from	to
Are you excavating close to Westpower equipment?	<input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> YES	How close? metres
			Max. depth metres
What Westpower equipment will you be close to? – <i>Be specific</i>			
Method of excavation <i>eg. Excavator, Hydro-vac etc.</i>			
Have you logged a cable location with BeforeUdig?	<input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> YES	Sequence No.

On signing this Close Approach Request, the applicant:

1. *Agrees to comply with NZECP 34, and any other limitations/restrictions required by Westpower;*
2. *Agrees to have work procedures in place to carry out the work safely, and is competent for the work required;*
3. *Understands that this permit is not transferable to any other operator/contractor, and must be made available on site, at all times.*

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____



On submitting this form electronically, you agree to the conditions as above, as though signed



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NZECP 34 Extract: [Download NZECP 34 here](#)

5.2 MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE

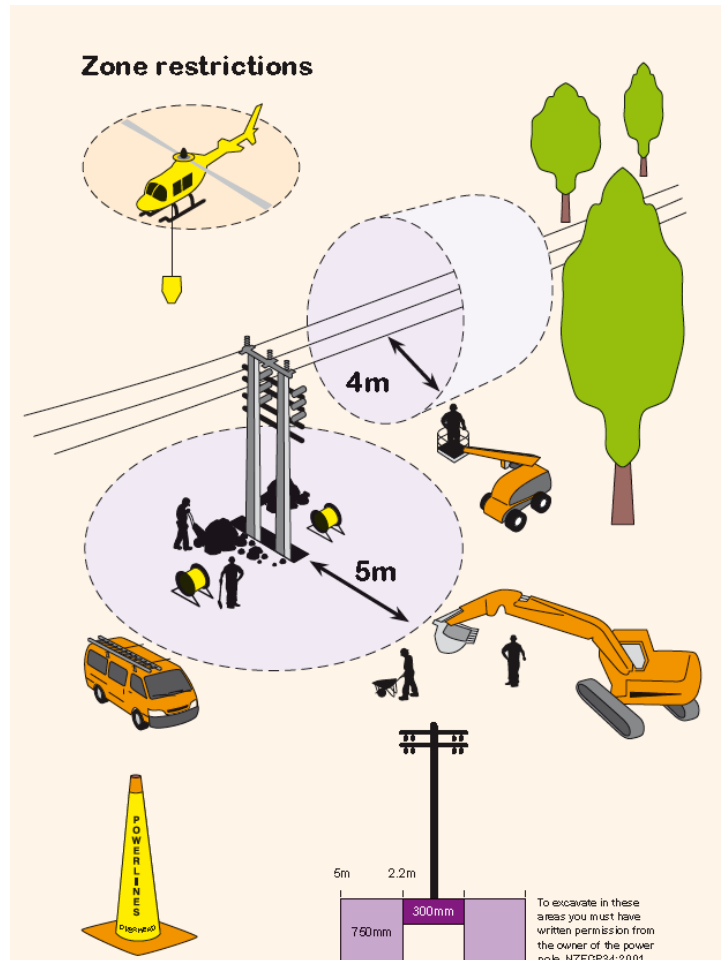
5.2.1 The distance between any live overhead electric line and any part of any mobile plant or load carried shall be **“AT LEAST 4.0 METRES”**, unless the operator has received written consent from the overhead electric line owner allowing a reduced distance.

5.4 CONSENT FOR REDUCED MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES

5.4.1 The application for written consent from the overhead electric line owner shall be made with reasonable notice.

5.4.2 The overhead electric line owner’s written consent shall advise:

- (a) The voltage of the overhead electric line and the minimum approach distance to be observed, which shall not be less than the requirements of Table 6; and
- (b) Any other reasonable conditions to be observed while working in proximity to, or above, the overhead electric line.
- (c) The section of line to which the consent applies.



Westpower Use Only	APPROVED / DECLINED	Permit No.	
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In complying with NZECP 34, you are hereby notified that the voltage of the lines in the area of works specified above have been assessed at being _____ volts.

- Consent is authorised for a reduced minimum approach distance of _____ metres.
- with the following conditions/ limitations: _____

<input type="radio"/>	Approval entered on Rolling Release Board	Nearest Point/s of Emergency Isolation	
Westpower Location		Affected Protection	
Approval Signature	Name	Date	