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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to confirm my opposition to the erection of any new high tension power lines in the Mkuze and Hluhluwe areas. I run a helicopter company based out of Hluhluwe specialising in Game Capture and relocation. The current high tension lines running west of the N2 poses a danger to our operations on a daily basis and the addition of a new line would increase our risk substantially. These lines affect us on a number of reserves including all the small reserves west of the N2 near Hluhluwe, Thanda, Manyoni, Zimanga, Mziki, Mpeti and all the way to the Pongola River.

On numerous occasions we are forced to try and dart animals, mainly rhino, which invariably are found standing near or under the existing high tension lines. The nature of the job is such that should a rhino be wounded by poachers or have a medical condition, we are unable to wait for a better day where the animal has moved to another area. The existence of one power line makes this job dangerous, but with some careful tactics and time, possible. The addition of another line would make these operations almost impossible and hugely dangerous for myself and other pilots, as well as the animals we are trying to rescue.

There are a number of powerlines that span valleys in this area and are almost invisible from the air. The absence of markers to make these lines more visible which are hundreds of feet off the ground is massively irresponsible of Eskom, and the addition of new lines just adds hugely to the already dangerous situation created by Eskom in the zululand area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Fischer', written in a cursive style.

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