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Northpower and We* to the rescue.....

Thursday of last week Wellington Electricity received a request for help from Kiwi Rail for High Voltage cable work on the crippled Cook Strait ferry Aratere. Wellington Electricity immediately referred Kiwi Rail to Northpower and contacted Chris Malthouse on the Friday morning. Chris (with a one line e-mail) went to meet Kiwi Rail at the ferry terminal to see what was required. It soon became apparent that this was a major project that required the expertise that Northpower could offer.

Kiwi Rail had a strict deadline to meet, “*finish by Sunday evening*”. By 9pm on Friday evening all arrangements were completed, including sourcing a ring main switch to be installed on the Aratere from Wellington Electricity. DT Jointing solutions arranged all the material and were able to bring in specialist cable jointers. The job started on Saturday morning and involved installing two sources of supply for a 3.3kV to the ring main switch and connecting the remaining drive motor to the ring main switch. This involved 27 cables to be terminated and all the standard electrical testing to verify the work done. To the Northpower team’s credit the work was completed on time for the Sunday evening deadline, the test results were then presented to Kiwi Rail on Monday morning.

A job well done by Northpower Wellington

Chris den Boestert



Chris Malthouse standing on the left,
Colin Dickens behind on the right