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Z appoints Company Secretary

Z Energy today announced the appointment of Debra Blackett as Company Secretary.

Debra will start in the role on 1 June. This appointment has arisen from the choice to split what was previously the combined role of General Counsel and Company Secretary which was held by Meredith Ussher.

Meredith is returning from a year's maternity leave and will initially be working part time in her capacity as General Counsel.

Debra has a wealth of legal, governance and company secretary experience from senior roles within private law firms Chapman Tripp, and DLA Phillips Fox; the Financial Markets Authority, ANZ New Zealand and Telecom. Prior to joining Z, Debra's most recent role was Chief Legal Advisor to BP New Zealand.

Z Chief Executive Mike Bennetts said he was pleased to have a candidate with Debra's skills and breadth of experience.

"The Company Secretary position is an important one for Z. In this role Debra will work closely with the Board and the company's executives to support the Board's commitment to excellence in governance.

"I'm pleased to be able to welcome Debra to the Z team."

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