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Dear Steve,

Please find attached the comments of Mighty River Power Limited on the Interim Decision of the Board of Inquiry for the Transpower North Island Grid Upgrade.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir or Madam

REPORT AND DECISION OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE UPPER NORTH ISLAND GRID UPGRADE PROJECT.

Mighty River Power lodged a submission under section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to the Transpower New Zealand Limited Notices of Requirement and applications for resource consents in respect of the proposed new Whakamaru to Auckland Transmission Line. Mighty River Power's submission [numbered 1041] supported the proposal subject to minor amendment to recognise Mighty River Power's operations and interests in the area covered by the proposed transmission line route.

Mighty River Power wishes to take this opportunity to provide comment on the draft decision under s148 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Mighty River Power acknowledges the thoroughness of the decision and supports both the decision reached and the reasons for it. Mighty River Power particularly supports the inclusion of conditions to avoid reverse sensitivity effects on the operation of the Waikato Hydro system. The conditions requested by Mighty River Power Limited in its submission and affidavit lodged with the Board on 4 July 2008 and subsequently supported by Transpower New Zealand Limited have been imposed in respect of the requirements relating to the Overhead lines in Waipa [Appendix M Condition 8], South Waikato [Appendix N Condition 6] and Taupo Districts [Appendix O Condition 4], and in respect of the Whakamaru and Whakamaru North substation sites [Appendix F: Condition 21].

The Board of Inquiry has imposed the following condition in respect of all of the sites/facilities identified in the Mighty River Power affidavit of Dr Timothy Densem lodged with the Board:

The requiring authority shall undertake all works or activities, including the erection of structures, in a manner that does not prevent or hinder the continued operation of the Waikato Hydro Scheme in accordance with resource consents held by Mighty River Power Limited (issued by Waikato Regional Council, commencing on 10 April 2006, and numbered 105226 to 105240, inclusive).

Mighty River Power requests that these conditions be retained in the Board's Final Decision as their inclusion will enable the parties to work together to ensure that the interests of both parties can be properly and appropriately achieved. Mighty River Power does however seek a correction to these conditions to accurately record the resource consents held by Mighty River Power which commenced on 12 April 2006 not 10 April as stated in the conditions.

Mighty River Power also notes, for your information, a possible typographical error in the night noise level in Condition 12 - Operational noise in Appendix F: Whakamaru and Whakamaru substation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Colson".

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